An Immediate Solution to Fossil Fuel Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

An open letter to homeowners across the NY Metro area

New York residents want economic growth and prosperity for all, and growth requires energy. They also want renewable sources of energy, but it will be decades before there is enough solar or wind to meet demand, and in the meantime we have a relatively clean fuel NOW to get us there ... it's called Bioheat® Fuel.

The natural gas utilities want to provide more of that energy at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars in new pipeline construction, not to mention risks to the environment. But **if hundreds of millions are invested, natural gas contracts will have to be locked in for decades to earn an adequate return.** And while natural gas is cleaner than coal, the fuel it usually replaces in electric generation, it is not as clean as most people have been led to believe.

Another option, proposed legislation to move homeowners to electric heat, begs the question of what fuel will supply the power plants? And heat pumps, viable in other parts of the country, only provide savings when installed by experienced technicians and would still require back-up heating systems for our cold New York winters.

A simple, clean and renewable future fuel, with no additional major capital investments or environmental risks, already exists: Bioheat® Fuel. Contrary to common belief, Bioheat® Fuel, a blend of traditional heating oil and renewable biodiesel produced from plant oils and other feedstocks, is cleaner than natural gas when you blend at least 7% biofuel with regular heating oil, has a distribution system already in place, and doesn't require any major capital investment. In fact, Bioheat® Fuel is already mandated on Long Island and in NYC and the surrounding suburbs, and would be a clean, inexpensive way to fuel the economic growth we all want to see. We don't need the huge expense or the environmental risk of additional pipelines.

The solution is already here and ready to go: Bioheat!





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