I am writing regarding the draft Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). I am in support of a transition to 100% clean energy and support the phasing out the River Road gas plant (RRGP). By conserving energy beyond what the PUD is currently proposing, committing to local renewable energy sources, and exploring all possible cost effective alternatives to RRGP, we can and must achieve 100% clean energy. This accomplishment can be done by further reducing the peak demand with measures to offset this demand. I realize this comes at a price but the long term impact to our health and environment is of greater significance than the benefit of the continued operation of the RRGP. The RRGP is located near communities of color, thus exacerbating health disparities such as asthma. As a long term sufferer of asthma, I can testify regarding the chronic problems air quality has had on my own health. I do recall having spend an entire night coughing and wheezing until finally I was able to seek medical care.

Among my other concerns is the PUD’s long term consideration of using nuclear power in the form of Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNR’s). I consider this risky technology as having tremendous economic and social difficulties and not meeting our immediate clean energy needs.

I am ever grateful for the diligent work of the PUD and of the willingness to listen to members of the public on this important issue. In finding solutions, I urge you to consider the health and environmental aspects of this decision rather than just the economic value.