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Comment: The energy plan undersates the negative impacts of development of the Marcellus Shale for natural gas. The hydrological fracturing process is full of unknowns and unfortunately the potential damage to ground and surface water resources is simply unacceptable. Extracting this gas is not worth the damage to our water resources. Eventually the gas will run out and we will have to adapt. I suggest we act as if the gas is not there and adapt now. Move away from fossil fuel dependency in all its forms once and for all. The plan does not give enough attention to the huge potential for biomass fuel in NY. With careful development biomass could help the agricultural economy while providing a significant source of locally generated energy. This, along with other direct and indirect solar energy sources and intense energy efficiency efforts, is the future, this is where the plan should be directing us.