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NYSERDA - Draft Scoping Plan Comments

Thomas and Frances Banas (married 52 years) have deep concerns for the future of New York State.

We owned a home in Buffalo, [REDACTED] 1975-1977, we bought that home because it had a 220 line and new plumbing, no house around us had the same, fast forward 2022 we keep in touch with the area well nothing is updated, the lines in the street (in 1975 we had to put a new water line to the street) are late 1880's yes I said 1880's and as a home owner in Buffalo you are responsible for that line and sidewalk. A family member also owns a home on [REDACTED] Buffalo, same thing the lines date back 1880's. The infrastructure is not there, It is nice to dream ahead but things take time, a ban on natural gas as soon as 2024 is not a logical possibility.

We moved to Elma 1977 and purchased 1740 Billington a new build, there was a Gas Moratorium then and the house had to

electric (Freeze on gas) the house was
y insulated, we froze in the winter
the electric bills ran \$300 a month and
was 1977. We ended up getting a wood stove
eat, New York winters are fierce.

etric is not reliable in this climate
t is nice to move quickly on a
imate Plan but in the process please
ink of the people who live paycheck
paycheck or on a fixed income like
. Oh we eventually converted to
Efficient Gas for [REDACTED]
order to sell it.

It is not just Buffalo who's infrastructure
behind the times, it is most of Western
ew York, all Counties and Down State also.
lease get out and visit all areas and
alk to the people who own homes and
businesses, can they afford to convert to
electric and still survive paying their
ills and taxes, please let us use our minds