

Joint Hearing on Energy Tax Policy and Tax Reform

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.R. 1380, the “NAT GAS Act of 2011.” As a company focused on providing strategic energy services throughout New Jersey and the nation, South Jersey Industries (SJI) strongly supports the passage and enactment of this important initiative. SJI is actively pursuing development of CNG fueling infrastructure in the South Jersey region, and is in the process of converting our fleet to CNG fueled vehicles. In addition, we are working with local government, business, and industry to determine market interest and strategic location of future infrastructure necessary to support the natural gas vehicle (NGV) market demand.

The “NAT GAS Act of 2011” extends and modifies tax credits for vehicles that operate on natural gas, the natural gas used in those vehicles, and natural gas fueling infrastructure, as well as other provisions to accelerate the production and use of NGVs. This initiative supports many of our nation’s goals. First, NGVs can play an important role in reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil. In addition, the “NAT GAS Act of 2011” will provide Americans with an alternative transportation fuel that is more economical, while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gases and urban pollution. Finally, the abundance of natural gas supply in our country makes it a reliable source of cleaner fuel, as well as a driver of economic development and job creation through the construction of refueling infrastructure.

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