



STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GAS PLANTS IN WISCONSIN

This year, the Public Service Commission will consider proposals submitted by WEC Energy Group, the parent company of We Energies, to build \$2 billion worth of new gas infrastructure in southeastern Wisconsin. If approved, these outdated plans would lock us into decades of fossil fuel use and threaten our health, environment, and wallets.

NEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE HAS CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR PEOPLE, PLANET AND POCKETBOOKS



HARMING OUR HEALTH

Infusing more money into gas infrastructure will increase health impacts on residents. Burning methane gas will lead to increased air pollution, affecting the health of nearby communities. Research from the [National Institutes of Health](#) shows that those living in a zip code with a fuel-fired power plant experience 11% higher asthma hospitalization, 15% higher respiratory infection hospitalization, and 17% higher COPD hospitalization rates than those who live in a zip code without a power plant.



WORSENING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is a potent greenhouse gas. With over 80 times the warming power of carbon dioxide over a 20-year time horizon, **gas burning and methane leaks from extraction, production and transportation significantly contribute to climate change.**



INCREASING FINANCIAL BURDEN ON RATEPAYERS

The cost of building these new facilities will be passed on to ratepayers, who will bear the financial burden well beyond the expected lifespan of these plants. We Energies ratepayers are still paying for past investments in fossil fuel generation, including the \$2.3 billion Oak Creek coal plant completed in 2011. **It doesn't end there. Households are already struggling to pay higher energy bills following two We Energies rate increases of 14% since 2022, and now the utility company is asking for an additional 18.5% increase in rates over the next two years.**

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