

## STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GAS PLANTS IN WISCONSIN

We Energies' parent company, WEC Energy Group, is planning \$2 billion of new methane gas infrastructure in Southeastern Wisconsin. This includes 1,300 MW of expensive new power plants and converting nearly 2,000 MW of existing coal to gas. If approved, these 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 area 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.** The extreme weather events we're already experiencing—including historic droughts and floods, superstorms and record-breaking wildfires—will continue to rapidly worsen unless the world cuts carbon pollution.



#### INCREASING FINANCIAL BURDEN ON CUSTOMERS

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. Wisconsin families are already struggling to pay higher energy bills following the approval of a 18.5% increase in We Energies rates in 2024. New gas infrastructure will cost Wisconsinites even more on top of already high utility bills.**

## TAKE ACTION



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#### ATTEND A HEARING

##### KENOSHA:

February 5, 2025 - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. (or online via Zoom)  
Union Grove Village Hall, Municipal Center Community Room  
925 15th Avenue, Union Grove, WI

##### OAK CREEK:

Monday, March 25 - 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (or online via Zoom)  
Oak Creek Community Center Ballroom  
8580 South Howell Avenue, Oak Creek, WI