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To: <u>Berube, Joanne M</u>

Subject: [External] Clean energy is cheaper, more reliable than new gas

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James Bengel NC jbengel@brandenburg3.com From: Richard Klett
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Richard Klett NC richardklett@gmail.com From: Christine Becker
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Christine Becker NC kikgirl8@yahoo.com From: Nancy Nance
To: Berube, Joanne M

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Nancy Nance NC dnnance43@gmail.com From: Ray Derrickson
To: Berube, Joanne M

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Ray Derrickson NC rderrickson98@gmail.com From: Mark Spinner
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Mark Spinner NC spanky1954@gmail.com From: Stephen Weissman
To: Berube, Joanne M

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Stephen Weissman NC sweissman4@gmail.com From: Abbygale Huffman
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Abbygale Huffman NC abbygalehuffman@yahoo.com From: <u>Jeff Kulp</u>

To: Berube, Joanne M

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Jeff Kulp NC jskulp1@gmail.com From: Gerry Hoots
To: Berube, Joanne M

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Gerry Hoots NC ghoots@triad.rr.com
 From:
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Not to mention the very real existential threat of climate change. We simply must do everything in our power to ward that off, and the best way to do that is through switching to renewable energy immediately.

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Rob Rowe NC vitara2k@hotmail.com From: <u>Stacey Cannon</u>
To: <u>Berube, Joanne M</u>

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Stacey Cannon NC staceycannon1313@gmail.com From: Nan Beatty
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