**NJ 50 by 30 Building Electrification Committee: verbal report to CRP, 9/6/2022
1. Sept 15 7PM Building Electrification Webinar: Real Life Stories to eliminate your home GHG emissions**

Lead speaker 'Ingólfur Páll Matthíasson',  a climate activist in Iceland (Land of Fire and Ice), presents a fascinating talk on the climate imperative. Iceland is ahead of NJ in reduction of GHG; it uses geothermal energy for electricity and heating of 90% of buildings. Two NJ homeowners will then describe reduction of their home GHG emissions. [DETAILS HERE](https://climate.smiller.org/v/w9-c.html) (includes photo)

**2. The NJ 50 x 30 BE Team drafted 2 legislative bills for Building Electrification legislation**

The most comprehensive bill is titled “Building Electrification Act” and is designed to launch New Jersey’s latent Building Electrification program. STATUS:

a. Currently being reviewed for sponsorship by Sen Andrew Zwicker,

Pending Zwicker’s input, we are planning to ask sponsorship by Sen Bob Smith, chair of the NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

 b. Margaret S. Ortiz facilitated a meeting on August 22, with the CRP National legislation team (Chris Gaynor, Shabd Singh, Hal Connolly, Colleen Shea), for feedback on two NJ bills,
Hal Connolly, the Washington DC (apparent lead of the CRP legislative team) wrote:

- Found this really impressive work

-Clearly making ourselves SME

-These good ideas only get enacted by getting input and buy-in from strong partners.

- Partners should be: builders, PSEG, you might want to consult labor.  Probably the IBEW?  And I would also talk the SEIA.  I think SEIA had either an NJ or Mid-Atlantic subgroup.

SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH (by SGM/PSM) SUGGESTS STRONG PARTNERS MIGHT BE. We are presently researching followo:

* **BUILDERS/INDUSTRY** Ray Cantor, VP, Government Affairs, New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA)
OR Dan Kennedy, senior director at the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association (UTCA) of New Jersey. He is chairman of the national Clean Water Construction Coalition and former assistant commissioner at the New Jersey DEP.
* **PSEG:** Ralph LaRossa new (2 weeks ago) CEO of PSEG- a fortune 500 company (replaced Ralph Izzo as CEO)
* **LABOR**: IBEW or SEIA (NJ or mid-Atlantic subgroup)