



**WHEREAS:** The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [released a report](#) finding that "rapid, far-reaching" changes are necessary in the next 10 years to avoid disastrous levels of global warming.

The energy sector has a critical role to play in mitigating climate risk. Already, the sector is undergoing a rapid transition by moving away from coal, but growing reliance on natural gas creates ongoing risk. [Natural gas is a major contributor](#) to climate change due to combustion emissions and methane leaks. In 2018, gas contributed to an [increase in power sector emissions](#), jeopardizing chances of achieving reductions in line with the Paris Agreement's goal of keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Building [new gas infrastructure](#) may be uneconomic and result in costly stranded assets comparable to early retirements now occurring for coal. While some [low-carbon scenarios](#) show gas use continuing, they rely on carbon removal technologies -- a risky assumption given the technology has not proven economic at scale.

Demand response, energy efficiency, [renewables plus storage](#), and electrification are all increasingly cost-effective means of serving energy needs while reducing fossil fuel use and climate impacts. City governments, recognizing gas' climate impacts, are setting policies prohibiting [gas hookups for new buildings](#) in favor of safer, healthier electric buildings. Furthermore, states, cities, and large consumers continue to set ambitious [renewable energy targets](#), which utilities will need to supply or risk losing business. [Large tech companies](#) recently banded together to express concern regarding Dominion's proposed gas heavy plan.

While Dominion is to be commended for taking climate conscious steps, including setting a [long term greenhouse gas target](#) and actions to [decrease methane leakage](#), investors lack sufficient information to understand if or how the Company can reconcile its growing reliance on natural gas with achieving [Virginia's 100% carbon-free by 2050 target](#) or aligning with Paris goals.

The Company's disclosures indicate Dominion is [continuing to build](#) out [expensive gas infrastructure](#) but is not sufficiently addressing how those costly assets and their depreciation timelines reconcile with climate stability goals or the existence of increasingly low cost, clean energy pathways.

Peer utilities, including [NextEra](#) and [Xcel](#), have demonstrated alternatives to investing in new gas infrastructure by replacing coal assets with renewables and storage, creating win-win solutions. Shareholders are concerned that Dominion Energy is lagging behind



on such opportunities and increasing its exposure to climate-related risks by investing in significant gas holdings that may become stranded.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Shareholders request that Dominion issue a report, at reasonable cost and omitting proprietary information, describing how it is responding to the risk of stranded assets of planned natural gas-based infrastructure and assets, as the global response to climate change intensifies.