



Q. Please discuss your energy plan for New Jersey. Please give at least one specific example.

Chris Christie (Republican) – I have presented my plan for the rapid growth of renewable energy in New Jersey in the form of a strong commitment to the development of off shore wind energy coupled with a rapid expansion of our use of solar. I have proposed the introduction of renewable energy on to our closed landfills and preserved farmland as a means of maximizing the use of this space. These efforts, combined with conservation and focused investments in upgrades to our existing energy infrastructure, will ensure that we become a national leader in renewable energy.

My energy policy does not stop with simply making New Jersey more energy independent; in a Christie Administration, New Jersey will be a state that will lead the nation in the development and

Jon Corzine (Democratic) - I believe that protecting our environment and growing our economy go together. By embracing new approaches to energy, New Jersey is providing the pathway to both economic prosperity and environmental protection.

We're creating more than 20,000 green collar jobs and have made New Jersey a national leader in renewable energy. I've made New Jersey the second-biggest solar power producer in the nation, and New Jersey will also be the nation's first offshore wind producer.

I've made greenhouse gas reduction goals law, requiring the reduction of CO2 emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 2006 levels by 2050. By 2020, 30% of the State's energy consumption must come from renewable energy, including 2,000 MW of solar power and 3,000 MW of offshore wind capacity.

Jason Cullen (People Not Politics) – It has been said that we are a nation that makes-up five percent of the world's population, but we consume twenty-five percent of the resources. We should not be punished for our technological advancements. People should be able to use as much as affordable. We should invest into more nuclear power plants. With the efficiency, lack of incidents, and quality control regulations that go into nuclear power, it would be the economically intelligent choice. While we develop alternative methods, we will need to find ways to drop prices of oil and make more efficient the alternative means currently provided.

Christopher Daggett (Independent for New Jersey) - We will develop a coordinated and comprehensive approach to reducing energy consumption and developing alternative energy sources for the home, schools and businesses to meet the goals of the state Energy Master Plan and greenhouse gas emission targets. We will promote tax incentive policies to expand the use

offshore wind, solar and renewable energy sources. We will train the workforce needed to compete for jobs in the new “green economy.”

Kenneth Kaplan (Libertarian Party) – People have an economic incentive to conserve energy. High oil prices are the best incentive to cut energy consumption and seek energy sources that are more environmentally friendly than fossil fuels. The government of New Jersey should not be in the energy business. It should, however, get out of the way, meaning cut the red tape, for innovative energy experiments using wind, solar, and other alternative energy sources.

Joshua Leinsdorf (Fair Election Party) - I favor wind and solar power and the eventual elimination of nuclear reactors. Nuclear reactors are just atomic bombs waiting to happen. Look at Chernobyl. New Jersey needs a first class public transportation system. Money losing NJ Transit needs to be sold to private carriers and a comprehensive usable bus route system created. I have a proven record of creating bike paths, sidewalks, ferries and bus shelters. Reducing automobile use and greenhouse gases is the single most important priority. The North Pole is already gone. There is nothing that can be done to save it. All the abandoned railroad right of ways need to be converted into bicycle and jogging paths.

Alvin Lindsay (Lindsay for Governor) - Wind turbines and solar energy could help New Jersey with its energy problems. The T. Boone Pickens plan is one of the best plans.

David Meiswinkle (Middle Class Empowerment) – New Jersey should be at the forefront of new technologies. Through our newly created Division of Innovation and Ideas, I would push hard for alternatives to fossil fuel in powering motor vehicles. The energy industry has intentionally sat on patents that could have reduced our dependence on fossil fuels. I would encourage New Jersey, venture capitalists, and our University system to develop the new prototype fuel for the new prototype engine. All green technologies will be studied including the implementation of solar and wind power in New Jersey.

Gregory Pason (Socialist Party USA) - The state must invest in alternative non-nuclear energy. I propose that we increase the percentage of electricity generated from renewable energy, enacting mandatory carbon reduction measures and promote alternative transportation including special bike lanes, safe bike parking at mass transit stops and increased mass transit routes. We must also provide low interest loans and grants to worker-controlled cooperative enterprises which produce items people in New Jersey need in a green, efficient way

Kostas Petris (For the People) – *No Response Received*

Gary Steele (Leadership, Independence, Vision) – My energy plan for the State of New Jersey starts with \$1 billion from the stimulus funds and not spending that for everyday expenses. My proposal is to construct approximately 40,000 solar systems in the State, outfitting every school and other public buildings to produce a recurring income stream. Any money remaining would be used to provide low interest loans to homeowners to outfit their homes with solar systems. We will utilize all the electricity produced by the solar system, sell the electricity which isn't used

back into the grid and receive a recurring income stream. The income is generated from the sale of electricity and interest on the loans.

Gary Stein (Independent, multiple slogans) – Cough, LOL. I discussed “energy” as well in the Daily Kos on 8/31/09. I was cut off again; when the “Kossacks” figured out that mrtambourineman was mightyquinntheeskimo, the un-contrite diarist- who previously was Gary Stein and wyattearp.

My Aug. 31 diary was titled, “electric cars, health reform, being banned” At the very end of the diary I mentioned nuclear power. I support new nuclear power. We can show the world- and left wing bloggers, that NJ doesn’t have it’s head in the sand, by beginning the licensing procedure and get one new nuclear power plant on line in 5 years time. Just like the other answers, wouldn’t that send a nice message to the business community. One new state of the art nuclear power plant