

Addenda #2 – June 2023, Update July 2026

Re: Ch. 9, Progressive States Climate Policies

SDG 11 – Make cities safe, resilient and sustainable

“New York State Passes Historic Ban Affecting Gas Appliances (Stoves Included)”

yahoo!news, May 4, 2023

On May 3, 2023, NY governor Kathy Hochul signed the FY2024 state budget. Included in that budget was the executive enacting of a 2021 policy known as the “All Electric Buildings Act”. This bill was proposed by Progressive Democrats during the 2021-2022 legislative session but never came up for a vote.

Source: A Clear and Present Danger – Threat #2: U.N. Agenda 21/2030, Addenda #2 – June 2023

Progressive Democrats in the New York State Senate failed to pass Governor Kathy Hochul’s *All-Electric Buildings Act* during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 legislative sessions, so Hochul took matters into her own hands and incorporated the mandate into her 2023 fiscal year Executive Budget. The policy enacts a statewide ban on natural gas or propane gas connections in all new residential and most new commercial construction, beginning in 2026. Consumers would no longer be able to use gas-fueled stoves, water heaters, dryers, fireplaces, furnaces or boilers in their new homes or most businesses, once her plan took effect. While there was no official written policy saying that future purchases of these gas fueled appliances will be banned in the state, politicians left the door open for this in the future.

“If you have a gas stove in your home currently, nothing changes. In fact, you can go out and purchase a new one whenever you’d like. But moving forward, future development in New York will have to consider what’s best for people and the climate.”

yahoo!news, May 4, 2023

Fossil fuel companies, construction trade groups and developers immediately filed a lawsuit against the Act. District and federal courts issued conflicting rulings, leading Governor Hochul to delay the mandate in November 2025 until the lawsuit could be settled. On June 30, 2026, a federal appeals court sided with New York State, saying the *All-Electric Buildings Act* does not interfere with federal law. Environmental groups and Democrat legislators applauded the courts decision, saying its time New York State began constructing healthier, more sustainable and affordable homes New Yorkers deserve.

The upfront costs of building electric homes may be cheaper because they don’t require natural gas infrastructure, heating by natural gas furnaces and boilers during cold winter months in New York State is historically cheaper as is cooking by gas.

The science is on our side. The economics of affordability for people with their utility bills are on our side.

New York Senator Elizabeth Krueger (D), July 25, 2025

In April 2025, regulators approved a second, three year, double digit rate increase for electric and natural gas service delivery costs for my utility provider, estimated to cost the average household an additional \$600 per year by the end of the third year. National Grid confirmed in its press release that the increase was necessary to upgrade its transmission and distribution system in order to meet the states climate goals.

New York State is ranked as having the third highest cost of living in the continental United States and has the fourth highest electricity rates of the lower 48-states. While there are other factors pushing up the cost of living in New York, it is undeniable that states with the highest cost of living also have high electricity costs driven by green energy mandates. Utility companies in New York State identified 113 major transmission and distribution projects in a 2020 study, requiring upgrades to meet increased loads required by mandates and renewable energy generation. These upgrades will cost ratepayers \$6.8 billion over a 10 year period to complete. The second phase of upgrades required for increased electricity use by homes and business was estimated to cost \$10.5 billion.

Source: Appendix C to Initial Report on the New York Power Grid Study, New York State Public Service Commission, January 19, 2021: Phase 1 and Phase 2 LT&D Proposed Project Estimates, Pages 5 and 6

These estimates were prepared in 2019, using pre COVID Era inflation projections. The actual costs are likely to be two to three times more expensive than the Utility Transmission & Distribution Investment Working Group Study estimated, given current material and labor costs for high-and-medium voltage utility projects.

“Since taking office, my administration has prioritized energy affordability, particularly for our most vulnerable...”

Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul Denouncing National Grid Rate Hike; August 14, 2025

Governor Kathy Hochul and Democrat legislators are directly responsible for higher costs resulting from climate mandates like the *All-Electric Buildings Act*, yet they continue to claim they’re concerned about energy affordability for their constituents and the cost of living in this state. The reality is that mandates equal **control**. Control over how we must live, the types of homes we live in, the types of vehicles we drive, the types of appliances we purchase and the quantity and type of energy we must use. I’ve said this before, and I’ll say it again... Agenda 21 / 2030 was never about saving the planet or about public health. It was always about CONTROL!

Climate alarmists and state Democrat leaders continue to push an agenda that can never be realized without impoverishing middle-class households and causing immense suffering of the population. Their useful idiot supporters are either complicit with the agenda, or they’re too ignorant to realize it.

References:

A Clear and Present Danger – Threat #2: U.N. agenda 21 / 2030, Chapter 9, Progressive States Climate Policies

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Addenda #45 – May 2024, Updates May 2025 and September 2025

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