

# The NY HEAT Act Will Protect Families from Spending Billions on New York's Outdated Natural Gas System

## The Clock is Ticking on New York's Gas System

New York's Climate Act commits the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 85% from 1990 levels by 2050. To achieve this reduction, **New York needs to transition to zero-emissions energy** to heat and cool its buildings.

## Yet, NY Utilities Continue to Spend Billions on This System

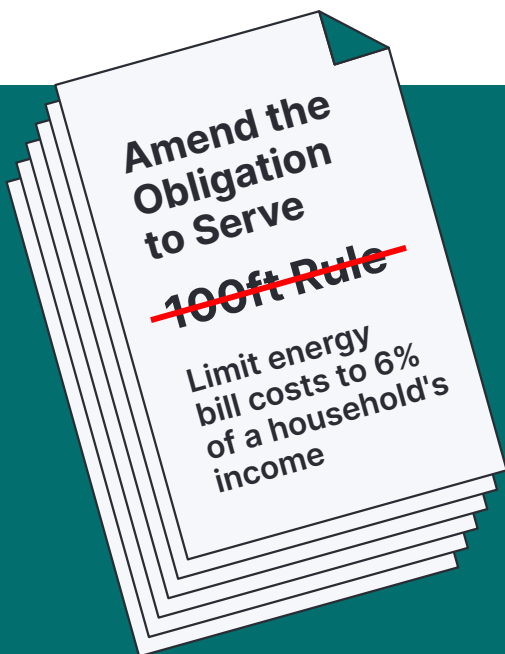
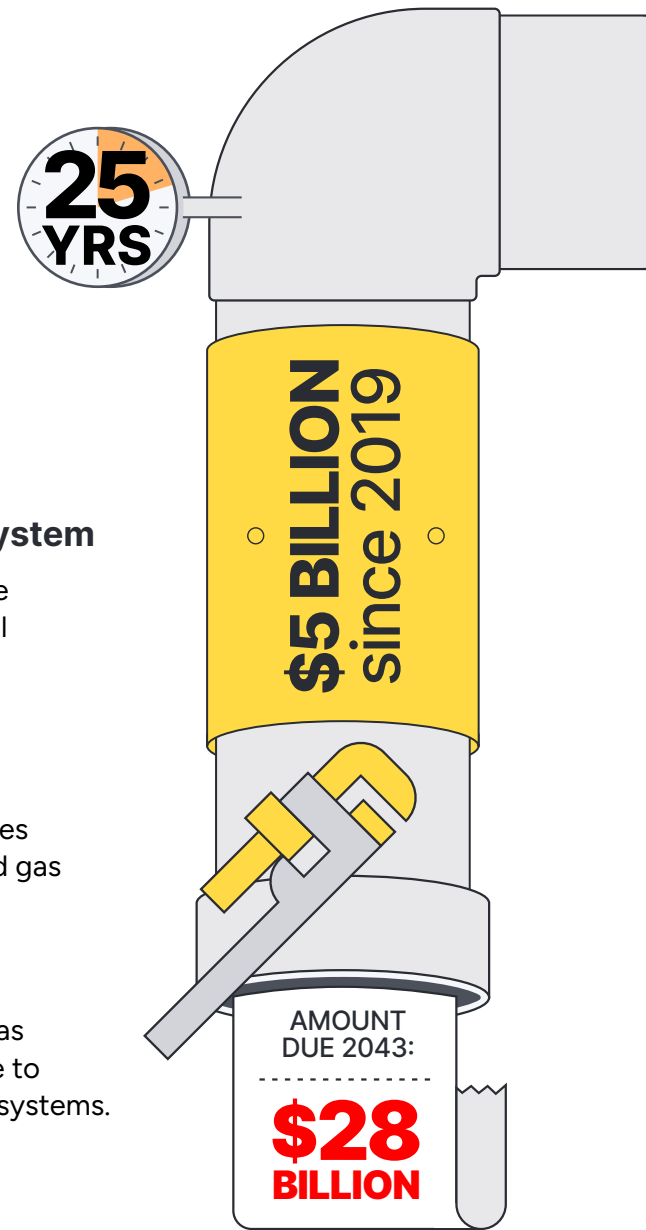
Because it costs gas utilities between **\$3-6 million** to replace a single mile of gas pipeline, utilities have spent more than **\$5 billion** to install and replace gas mains and service lines since the Climate Act was passed in 2019.

## And Utilities Are Planning to Spend Billions More

If NY HEAT is not passed, this spending will continue, with gas utilities already planning to **spend an additional \$28 billion** replacing their old gas pipelines by 2043.

## Who Will Foot This Bill

Without the NY HEAT Act, it will be utility customers stuck on the gas system, especially **low- and middle-income gas customers** least able to afford the investment needed to electrify their existing gas heating systems.



## The NY HEAT Act would enable New York to carefully transition away from methane gas to affordable zero-emissions heat by:

- Amending the state's "obligation to serve gas" and updating Public Service Law to enable the Public Service Commission to empower utilities to provide their customers with cost-effective clean heat solutions, such as heat pumps and thermal energy networks.
- Ending outdated gas expansion subsidies such as the "100 Foot Rule," which costs New York ratepayers \$200 million a year.
- Limit the cost of energy bills to 6% of a household's income, ensuring that low and middle-income households do not have to bear the burden of outdated gas distribution systems.

\*Figures on past, present, and planned costs to install and replace natural gas pipelines are from the Building Decarbonization Coalition's March 2023 report, *The Future of Gas in New York State*, found at <https://buildingdecarb.org/wp-content/uploads/BDC-The-Future-of-Gas-in-NYS.pdf>