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Dear Editor,

I was heartened to read “The Future of Energy” arguing for clean, renewable energy for our grid.

The time is now to move from an energy grid fueled by dirty fossil fuels to one that is supplied by clean, renewable energy. As a mother concerned about my children’s wellbeing in the face of climate change, I believe this is the right choice for the health of all children. If we have any hope of a livable climate, it is the only choice.

The authors state, “replacing zero-carbon with natural gas-fired power plant is a step backwards”; electric customers need to understand that we are being charged for new “natural” gas transmission. This is an antiquated technology, and building more is a poor investment. I urge all utilities to withdraw support for any new fossil fuel infrastructure and use your power today for our children’s health.

In Massachusetts, we have plentiful natural resources, such as off-shore wind, opportunities for solar arrays and small scale hydro power. We need to be building more of these resources here. Building clean energy makes sense and propels us into an ever-growing green economy.

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