

Jahana Hayes has supported an anti-energy independence agenda for America that included praising the termination of the Keystone XL Pipeline, voting to prevent domestic oil and gas drilling in Alaska and supporting the Green New Deal. Now gas prices in Connecticut have hit record highs.

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CONNECTICUT AVERAGE GAS PRICES ⁱ				
	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$4.861	\$5.292	\$5.646	\$6.107
Yesterday Avg.	\$4.868	\$5.291	\$5.650	\$6.103
Week Ago Avg.	\$4.933	\$5.344	\$5.691	\$6.149
Month Ago Avg.	\$4.678	\$5.018	\$5.311	\$6.261
Year Ago Avg.	\$3.117	\$3.400	\$3.622	\$3.278

HIGHEST RECORDED AVERAGE PRICE		
	Price	Date
Regular Unleaded	\$4.984	6/14/22
Diesel	\$6.440	5/18/22

(Connecticut Average Gas Prices: June 28, 2022, [AAA Gas Prices](#), Accessed 6/28/22)

Hayes praised the executive action that terminated the Keystone XL Pipeline, calling it “reflective of American values, fulfilling our moral obligations to our neighbors and helping to create the promise of a more just and hopeful nation”:

- Hayes called a Biden Administration executive action to “terminate the Keystone XL Pipeline,” first steps that are “reflective of American values, fulfilling our moral obligations to our neighbors and helping to create the promise of a more just and hopeful nation.” “Today, Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (CT-05) released the following statement after President Biden announced a number of executive actions on his first day in office, including several that would repeal the Muslim Ban, preserve and fortify DACA, rejoin the World Health Organization and the Paris Climate Accord, stop border wall construction, terminate the Keystone XL Pipeline, and rollback attacks on the Arctic Refuge...‘Two major issues prioritized by my constituents in Connecticut’s Fifth are immigration and the environment – and that is exactly what some of President Biden’s

first actions aim to tackle, ending uncertainty and anxiety for many. The President also made meaningful efforts to increase equity for all Americans, during a time of unprecedented economic and public health insecurity, uncertainty, and suffering. This country is hurting from converging crises and demands immediate action from our leaders to heal divides and restore our national faith. These first steps are reflective of American values, fulfilling our moral obligations to our neighbors and helping to create the promise of a more just and hopeful nation. This first day is indicative of the Biden Administration's mission to go to work for the American people and unify the entire country." (Press Release, "Hayes Statement On President Biden's First Executive Actions," [Congresswoman Jahana Hayes](#), 1/20/21)

President Biden's executive action to terminate the Keystone XL Pipeline killed thousands of jobs:

- **"TC Energy Corp will eliminate more than 1,000 construction jobs in coming weeks and halt work on the Keystone XL oil pipeline after U.S. President Joe Biden revoked the project's presidential permit."** "TC Energy Corp will eliminate more than 1,000 construction jobs in coming weeks and halt work on the Keystone XL oil pipeline after U.S. President Joe Biden revoked the project's presidential permit, the company said in an email to employees. Biden's decision to cancel the permit is seen as the project's death knell, after more than a decade of legal battles and shifting fortunes based on who held office in the White House. Opponents of the line fought its construction for years, saying it was unnecessary and would hamper the U.S. transition to cleaner fuels." (Rod Nickel and Valerie Volcovic, "TC Energy cuts jobs as Keystone pipeline nixes, but markets start to move on," [Reuters](#), 1/21/21)
- **"TC Energy Corp., the Canadian company that owns the pipeline, told PolitiFact that it estimates 1,000 people will be out of work as a direct result of Biden's order."** "However, TC Energy Corp., the Canadian company that owns the pipeline, told PolitiFact that it estimates 1,000 people will be out of work as a direct result of Biden's order." (Melissa Guz, "Verify: Yes, jobs lost from President Biden canceling Keystone XL Pipeline, but not as many as you think," [WKYC](#), 1/27/21)
- **KHOU 11 Houston "can VERIFY, the claim is true" that "about 1,000" jobs were killed as a result of Biden's executive action.** "The 11,000 figure is a jobs estimate that does match up with an October press release put out by TC Energy, the company that owns the pipeline. Days ago, TC Energy said Biden's order 'would directly lead to the layoff of thousands of union workers'. But it's missing key context. Only about 1,000 of these jobs are currently filled. Also most of these jobs were temporary positions slated to last 4 to 8 months while a pipeline would have been constructed. Those jobs would have been primarily in Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. Finally, a State Department report on the Keystone Pipeline found the project would only create 50 permanent long lasting jobs some of which would be in Canada, not the United States. So we can VERIFY, the claim is true, but without critical context is very misleading about the real number of jobs lost by Biden's executive order." (Marcelino Benito, "Verify: Claim about Keystone Pipeline job losses can be misleading without context," [KHOU 11](#), 1/27/21)

Hayes voted to prevent oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and voted against a motion on the bill requiring certification that it would not increase Russian oil and gas imports:

- **On September 12, 2019, Hayes voted “Aye” on “H.R. 1146 – Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act – 116th Congress (2019-2020)” introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-02) on February 11, 2019.** (H.R. 1146, [Roll Call Vote #530](#): Passed 225-193 with Hayes Voting Yea, 9/12/19)
- **H.R. 1146 – Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, prohibits the Department of the Interior from opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.** “(Sec. 2) This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production, and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. (Sec. 3) The bill establishes permanent fees that the Department of the Interior must collect from the operators of offshore oil and gas facilities subject to inspection under current law, including inspection fees for offshore platform facilities and drilling rigs. All fees collected must be deposited into the Ocean Energy Safety Fund established by this bill. Interior may use the funds to administer the inspection program, to the extent that the funds are provided in advance in an appropriations bill.” ([H.R. 1146](#), Passed House, 9/12/19)
- **Hayes voted against a motion to recommit on the bill that would have required the president to certify that it would not result in a net increase in Russian oil and gas imports to the United States.** “Curtis, R-Utah, motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would postpone the effective date of Sec. 2 of the bill until the president certifies that enactment of the bill would not result in a net increase of Russian oil and gas imports into the United States. Sec. 2 would repeal existing law authorizing an Interior Department program for the leasing, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.” (H.R. 1146, [Roll Call Vote #529](#): Motion to Recommit Failed 189-229, 9/12/19, Hayes Voted Nay)

Hayes is a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal:

- **On April 20, 2021, Hayes co-sponsored “H. Res. 332 – Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal – 117th Congress (2021-2022)” introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY-14) on April 20, 2021.** ([H.Res.332](#), Introduced, 4/20/21)
- **On February 25, 2019, Hayes co-sponsored “H.Res.109 – Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal – 116th Congress (2019-2020)” introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY-14) on February 7, 2019.** ([H.Res.109](#), Introduced, 2/7/19)
- **Hayes is “a cosponsor of the Green New Deal, which commits to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030.”** “I am a cosponsor of the Green New Deal, which commits to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030.” (“Issues: Environment,” [Jahana Hayes for Congress](#), Accessed 2/24/21)
- **Hayes believes in the goals set forth in the Green New Deal.** “Rep. Jahana Hayes on Friday became the latest Connecticut lawmaker to support the Green New Deal, a controversial proposal by congressional Democrats to combat climate change and promote

economic equality. ‘Representative Hayes understands how critical the issue of climate change is,’ said Hayes spokesman Jason Newton. ‘She evaluated the Green New Deal resolution and has signed on as a cosponsor because she believes in the goals set forth in the resolution.’ Newton also said Hayes ‘plans to continue monitoring the situation as the resolution becomes more specific legislative proposals.’ (Ana Radelat, “Hayes says ‘yes’ to Green New Deal,” [The CT Mirror](#), 2/15/19)

The Green New Deal would require the United States shift to 100% renewable energy within ten years and require every building to be upgraded to meet that goal:

- **The Green New Deal would require that “100 percent” of the “power demand” in the United States be “renewable” and from “a zero-emission energy source” by ten years at the latest.** “[T]he goals described in subparagraphs (A) 7 through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in this resolution as the “Green New Deal goals”) should be accomplished through a 10-year national mobilization (referred to in this resolution as the “Green New Deal mobilization”) that will require the following goals and projects....meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources....” ([H.Res. 109](#), Introduced 2/7/19)
- **The resolution would upgrade “all existing buildings in the United States” to change energy output.** “(E) upgrading all existing buildings in the United States and building new buildings to achieve maximal energy efficiency, water efficiency, safety, affordability, comfort, and durability, including through electrification;” ([H.Res. 109](#), Introduced 2/7/19)

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- **The Green New Deal calls for an overhaul of transportation systems including expanding railway to eliminate air travel.** “Overhauling transportation systems’ to reduce emissions - including expanding electric car manufacturing, building ‘charging stations everywhere,’ and expanding high-speed rail to ‘a scale where air travel stops becoming necessary’” (Danielle Kurtzleben, “Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez releases Green New Deal outline,” [NPR](#), 2/7/19)

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Summary Table (2020-2029)		
Goal	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost Per Household
Low-carbon Electricity Grid	\$5.4 trillion	\$39,000
Net Zero Emissions Transportation System	\$1.3 trillion to \$2.7 trillion	\$9,000 to \$20,000
Guaranteed Jobs	\$6.8 trillion to \$44.6 trillion	\$49,000 to \$322,000
Universal Health Care	\$36 trillion	\$260,000
Guaranteed Green Housing	\$1.6 trillion to \$4.2 trillion	\$4,000 to \$12,000
Food Security	\$1.5 billion	\$10

(American Action Forum, "[The Green New Deal: Scope, Scale and Implications](#)," 2/25/19)

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State	Capacity Replacement	Transmission	Backup	Emissions	Land	Total	Households (Millions)	Per Household (\$)
AL	10.8	0.5	2.3	0.9	0.2	14.8	1.8	8,049
AR	5.5	0.3	1.2	0.5	0.1	7.5	1.2	6,539
AZ	9.8	0.5	2.1	0.8	0.2	13.5	2.6	5,286
CA	17.9	0.9	3.8	1.5	0.4	24.5	13	1,885
CO	4.7	0.2	1	0.4	0.1	6.5	2.1	3,028
CT	3.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	4.7	1.4	3,488

(Benjamin Zycher, "The Green New Deal: Economics and Policy Analysis," [American Enterprise Institute](#), 4/2019)

A FAQ released by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez’s office admits that no amount of taxation would be able to pay for the Green New Deal:

- Rep. Ocasio-Cortez’s office released a FAQ on the Green New Deal as part of its rollout. “Ocasio-Cortez’s office sent a copy of the resolution this week as well as an embargoed FAQ sheet about the initiative to various media outlets, including The Hill. NPR published the FAQ sheet, which included provisions about eliminating air travel, guesswork surrounding cows’ flatulence and economic security for those who are “unable or unwilling to work.” (Tal Axelrod, “Ocasio-Cortez forced to clarify Green New Deal details after rollout,” [The Hill](#), 2/9/19)
- The FAQ admits that even if every billionaire and corporation poured all of their resources into funding the Green New Deal, it still would not be sufficient. “The level of investment required is massive. Even if every billionaire and company came together and were willing to pour all the resources at their disposal into this investment, the aggregate value of the investments they could make would not be sufficient. (Green New Deal, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), 2/7/19)

The FAQ also effectively eliminates any new fossil fuel infrastructure and nuclear power plants:

- **Under the Green New Deal, new fossil fuel infrastructure and nuclear power plants would effectively be eliminated.** “The Green New Deal makes new fossil fuel infrastructure or nuclear plants unnecessary... It would simply not make sense to build new fossil fuel infrastructure because we will be creating a plan to reorient our entire economy to work off renewable energy.” (Green New Deal, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), 2/7/19)