



Hello, my name is _____ from HAI, a national research firm.

[IF LANDLINE] We're conducting a survey to get people's opinions on important issues. This number was selected at random and according to the research procedure, I would like to speak to the [ALTERNATE: YOUNGEST/OLDEST] [ALTERNATE: MAN/WOMAN] at this address who is registered to vote.

[IF CELL PHONE] We're conducting a survey of cell phone users in your area to get people's opinions on important issues. Since you are on a cell phone, I can call you back if you are driving or doing anything else that requires your full attention. Can you talk safely and privately now? [IF YES, CONTINUE. IF NO, SCHEDULE CALLBACK]

RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS

QA. To make sure that we have a proper sample, could you tell me the state and county where you live? [CODED]

QB. Are you officially registered to vote in the county where you currently live? [IF YES] Regardless of how you might feel about the parties, at the present time are you officially registered as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or in some other way?

YES: Democrat	44%
YES: Republican.....	21
YES: Independent.....	29
YES: Other party.....	5
YES: (Don't know how registered).....	2
No/(Don't know) ----->	TERMINATE

Q1. Regardless how you might be officially enrolled, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a Democrat, an Independent or a Republican?

Democrat	37%
Independent Democrat	16
Independent.....	11
Independent Republican.....	8
Republican	24
VOL: (Other/Don't know).....	4

[IF INDEPENDENT] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

DEMOCRAT WITH LEANERS	53%
REPUBLICAN WITH LEANERS	32

RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS

Q2. How do you think your state generates most of its power for electricity? [ROTATE]

• Natural gas.....	38%
• Oil.....	18
• Nuclear power	12
• Coal.....	6
• Renewables such as wind or solar.....	5
• Hydroelectric power	2
• Liquefied natural gas.....	1
VOL: (Other).....	1
VOL: (Don't know).....	16

Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Families and businesses in your state typically pay more for electricity and fuel than other states? [IF RESPONSE] Would you say you strongly or only somewhat [AGREE/DISAGREE] with that?

Strongly agree	49%
Somewhat agree.....	21
Somewhat disagree	10
Strongly disagree.....	2
VOL: (Don't know).....	17
TOTAL AGREE.....	70%
TOTAL DISAGREE.....	12

ASK IF AGREE [Q3=1,2]

Q4. Why do you think your state pays more? [ROTATE]

• Taxes.....	31%
• Policy choices by elected leaders.....	20
• Lack of infrastructure to deliver natural gas and oil	6
• Environmental regulations	5
VOL: (Other).....	2
VOL: (Don't know)	6
NOT AGREE STATE PAYS MORE	30

RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS

Q5. Natural gas and fuels are transported in different ways. What do you think is the safest way to transport natural gas: [ROTATE]

• by pipeline	69%
• by rail.....	13
• by truck.....	10
VOL: (Same/No difference).....	1
VOL: (Don't know)	8

Q6. Next, please tell me whether you personally [ROTATE] agree or disagree with each of the following statements. [READ ITEM – PROMPT AS NEEDED] Do you agree or disagree with that? [IF RESPONSE] Would you say you strongly or only somewhat [AGREE/DISAGREE] with that statement?

SCRAMBLE	AGREE		DISAGREE		VOL: (DK)	TOTAL	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly		Agree	Disagree
• Clean air and clean water are important for northeastern families	90%	8	1	*	1	98%	2
• Affordable, reliable energy is important for northeastern families and businesses.....	82%	15	1	1	1	97%	2
• Maintaining and delivering adequate supplies of affordable fuels is necessary for consumers and businesses.....	67%	25	2	1	4	92%	4
• Having sufficient supplies of natural gas is important in keeping electricity and home heating affordable and reliable	60%	28	4	4	4	88%	8
• Ensuring the northeastern U.S. has enough energy capacity to meet the demand for electricity.....	51%	30	6	3	10	81%	9
• A balanced mix of renewables, natural gas, and nuclear is important to keep electricity affordable and reliable.....	47%	27	12	8	6	74%	20

Q7. As you may know, natural gas must be transported to power plants to generate electricity for families and businesses. Which of the following is closest to your opinion: [ROTATE]

• Northeastern states should construct natural gas pipelines and infrastructure to boost the economy and improve the efficiency of electricity generation OR.....	50%
• Northeastern states should not construct natural gas pipelines and infrastructure because they increase our reliance on fossil fuels instead of renewable energy, could harm the environment, and are unnecessary to maintain affordable and reliable supplies of electricity given alternative options for transportation?	39
VOL: (Both/Mixed)	*
VOL: (Don't know)	11

Q8. According to recent federal pricing data, the northeastern U.S. has the most expensive residential electricity rates in the Continental United States and very high industrial electric rates.

Does knowing this make you more in favor of building additional pipeline capacity, less in favor of building additional natural gas pipeline capacity, or does it not have any effect on how you feel about building additional natural gas pipeline capacity? **[IF MORE/LESS]** Are much or only somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** in favor of building additional natural gas pipeline capacity?

Much more in favor	24%
Somewhat more in favor.....	11
Somewhat less in favor.....	7
Much less in favor.....	11
Does not have any effect.....	38
VOL: (Depends)	1
VOL: (Don't know).....	8
TOTAL MORE IN FAVOR	35%
TOTAL LESS IN FAVOR.....	17

Q9. Which of the following is closest to your opinion **[ROTATE]**

- Northeastern states should support pipeline infrastructure for fuel to maintain supplies, hold down prices, create jobs, and boost economic development **OR**..... 53%
- Northeastern states should not support pipeline infrastructure for fuel because they increase our reliance on fossil fuels instead of renewable energy development?

VOL: (Both/Mixed)..... 1
VOL: (Don't know)..... 8

Q10. Next, please tell me whether you personally **[ROTATE]** support or oppose each of the following. **[READ ITEM – PROMPT AS NEEDED]** Do you support or oppose that? **[IF RESPONSE]** Would you say you strongly or only somewhat **[SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** that?

SCRAMBLE	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		VOL: (DK)	TOTAL	
	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly		Support	Oppose
• Generating electricity using renewable sources such as wind and solar	70%	18	3	5	4	88%	9
• Generating electricity using natural gas and fuels.....	40%	36	12	8	5	76%	19
• Expanding pipelines to deliver transportation fuels for consumers and markets.....	32%	26	14	21	7	58%	35
• Generating electricity using nuclear power plants.....	23%	27	15	29	6	49%	44
• Expanding offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters.....	24%	21	14	35	6	45%	49

Q11. Looking ahead, how important are energy issues in terms of how you will vote in the election next year? Are they very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all in determining how you will vote?

Very important	42%
Somewhat important.....	45
Not very important	9
Not important at all.....	3
VOL: (Depends)	*
VOL: (Don't know).....	1
TOTAL IMPORTANT	86%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	12

Now I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

D100. Sex.

Male	46%
Female	54

D101. What is your age?

18-24	14%
25-29.....	7
30-34.....	6
35-39.....	5
40-44.....	7
45-49.....	6
50-54.....	11
55-59.....	11
60-64.....	8
65+	25
VOL: (Refused).....	1

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or conservative?

	Liberal.....	21%
	Somewhat liberal.....	14
	Moderate.....	22
	Somewhat conservative.....	16
	Conservative.....	22
VOL:	(Don't know).....	5
	TOTAL LIBERAL.....	35%
	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE.....	38

D300. And just to make sure we have a representative sample of voters, could you please tell me your race? **[IF NECESSARY]** Well, most people consider themselves black or white?

	Black.....	11%
	White.....	76
VOL:	(Other).....	9
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	5

D301. Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

	Yes.....	7%
	No.....	90
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	4

Thank you for taking the time to complete this interview.