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Dear Chairman Brown:

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SOLARgeneration, inc. is based in Woodstock New York and has been installing solar electric systems throughout the Hudson Valley since 2006. Over the past six years, we have installed more than 600 kW of PV for residential and commercial customers and have donated over 125 kW to local not-for-profit institutions in our community. Raising renewable energy awareness and outreach to the children in our schools has been a part of our mission from the beginning.

We are submitting these comments to show our support of the petition filed by Hudson Valley Clean Energy, which requests that the Commission act expeditiously to order Central Hudson to raise the cap on the amount of net metered systems allowed to interconnect to its electric grid. We also request that the Commission act to ensure continuity for customers and installers in every utility territory and to prevent the halting of interconnections in the future through periodic reviews and increases in utility caps on net metered systems. This is especially important given the State's recent adoption of a program (NY-Sun) to increase the amount of solar energy systems installed in New York through 2016.

Central Hudson recently stated that it would no longer provide net metering since it has reached its cap of 12 MW (1% of its 2005 demand). They did this with a one-day warning. If Central Hudson is to cease net metering it will have an immediate negative impact on our business in and our ability to sell solar systems. Our business relies on a continuous stream of projects, and a market disruption of this extent will be very difficult to overcome.

Central Hudson has the discretion to continue offering net metering past the 12 MW cap. Additionally, Public Service Law authorizes the Commission to increase the ceiling on the total megawatts eligible for net metering from cumulative installations if the Commission determines that additional net metering is in the public interest.

SOLARgeneration urges the Commission to act expeditiously to ensure continued availability of net metering within Central Hudson's territory

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TK", is written over the typed name.

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