



# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 320

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When most local residents think about the professionals of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, they most likely envision the linemen who respond in all weather, at all hours, to service emergencies. That's a role we take seriously -- and one that we are proud to assume, no matter how difficult the conditions we face.

But in truth, some of the most important work that our members contribute is the year-round construction and maintenance of our region's electric and natural gas infrastructure – work that often goes unnoticed and is usually taken for granted when that system performs reliably, as it is designed to do.

As partners in the delivery of energy to our customers, we recognize the importance of both responding during storms *and* building dependable and technologically advanced networks that will power our Valley and its future. That's why IBEW Local Union #320 supports the investment plan and rate filing that Central Hudson delivered to Albany on Friday, July 25.

If approved, the plan will enable Central Hudson to replace aging infrastructure, expand its natural gas system, upgrade critical facilities and improve resiliency during storms and other emergencies. The Local Union #320 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will play a key role in completing these necessary and overdue improvements in the region's infrastructure. Our members live in the Hudson Valley and that means local men and women will complete the work with pride.

No one ever wants to see the price of anything escalate, no matter how modestly. But we recognize the benefits this plan will provide to our region at a reasonable price, and we support its approval.

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