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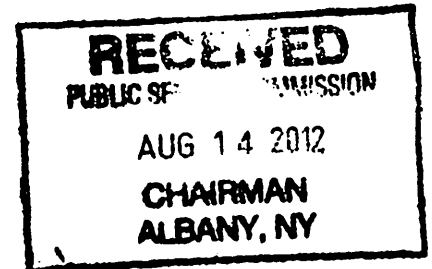
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August 10, 2012

Mr. Garry Brown, Chairman  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Net-Metering Cap

Dear Mr. Brown:



An article in the August 6th Poughkeepsie Journal reported: "Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. decided last week to begin accepting net-metering applications in anticipation of the cap being lifted by the New York Public Service Commission again after halting in mid-July. The utility began to notify customers July 19 that it would cease to accept new applications after it reached the 1 percent limit on net-metering set by the Public Service Commission in 2009. According to state law, the Public Service Commission is able to raise these caps at will."

Senator Charles Schumer is quoted as saying that this is a problem that could turn out the lights for the industry, one that creates good-paying jobs in the Hudson Valley; a net-metering limit could pull the plug on the industry when demand is on the rise for solar energy. Small solar energy producers won't survive without the net-metering incentive; other states have higher net-metering caps-- New Jersey's limit is 2.5 percent and California's is 5 percent.

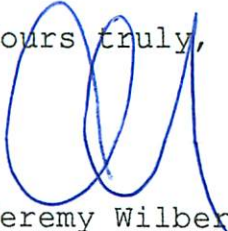
Dr. Richard Perez of the SUNY-Albany Atmospheric Sciences Research Center posits that all of our state's energy needs could be met completely by solar energy alone-- merely by covering 0.75% of NY's surface with photo-voltaics (Germany has much more solar than we do here in NY--in spite of getting much less sunlight than we do). Additionally, the American Lung Association of New York State just rated Dutchess County air quality a "D", and there are over thirty thousand Dutchess County residents with asthma, bronchitis, or emphysema.

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Please help us, here in Woodstock and all across the state, move to cleaner and greener energy. The members of Woodstock's Town Board and Environmental Commission, urge you strongly to raise the current cap on net metering without further delay.

Yours truly,



Jeremy Wilber, Supervisor

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