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Honorable Audrey Zibelman, Chair
New York State Public Service Commission
Agency Building 3
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Case 14-M-0196 -- Tariff filing by Central Hudson Gas &
Electric Corporation to establish fees for residential customers who
choose to opt out of using Automated Meter Reading devices

Dear Chair Zibelman:

Kenneth Panza of Woodstock, New York has forwarded to me a copy of his October 13 letter to you in which he notes that "all the interested parties have submitted comments and opinions" in these proceedings, and asks the Public Service Commission to "render its decision" in this matter at the Commission's next meeting. I am writing on behalf of Stop Smart Meters NY, which is among the "interested parties" to which Mr. Panza refers, to inform the Commission that we agree the record should be closed, and the Commission should advance to the next phase of these proceedings.

We are troubled, however, by Mr. Panza's suggestion that the record "should be considered closed" "as of July 29, 2016." As you may know, Stop Smart Meters NY made several submissions after July 29, 2016 and the Commission has already accepted all of them as part of the record of these proceedings. These submissions are as follows:

August 8 -- Comments of Stop Smart Meters NY

August 10 -- Myth About Smart Meter Safety - The Antenna Effect

August 12 -- Letter From Dr. David Carpenter of the Institute for Health
and the Environment of the State University of New York at
Albany

August 12 -- Filing Letter of Stop Smart Meters NY

August 12 -- Cover Letter of Stop Smart Meters NY

August 12 -- Testimony of Norman W. Lambe, Senior Property Claims
Examiner, Precision Risk Management, Inc.

August 22 -- Comments of Stop Smart Meters NY

October 12 -- Comments of Stop Smart Meters NY

October 12 -- Cover Letter of Stop Smart Meters NY

In light of the Commission's inclusion of these submissions as part of the record of these proceedings, it would be improper for the Commission now to accept Mr. Panza's suggestion and retroactively exclude them from the record. Kindly inform us promptly if the Commission determines otherwise, so that we may pursue appropriate relief.

Respectfully,

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cc: Hon. Kevin Cahill
Hon. George Amedore