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RE: NYSPSC Case #14-M-0196

Dear Secretary Burgess,

On January 17, 2018 the Daily Freeman published my letter on the safety of analog meters and my desire to retain the analog meter presently on my home. A copy from the Daily Freeman is attached.

Well, within two short days, I received Central Hudson's response dated January 19, 2018 informing me I was randomly selected for a non-analog replacement meter. A copy of their letter is attached.

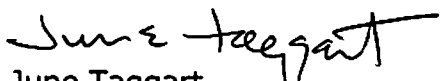
Does the timing sound random? It feels threatening and targeted to me specifically for speaking out against their claims that analogs are no longer available. I further feel my constitutional right to free speech was jeopardized by their hard handed tactics and intimidation meant to "punish" me.

I want to retain my analog meter or be supplied with a refurbished analog. I know for a fact that a relative in Maryland is able to keep her analog, albeit for a \$16/mo fee.

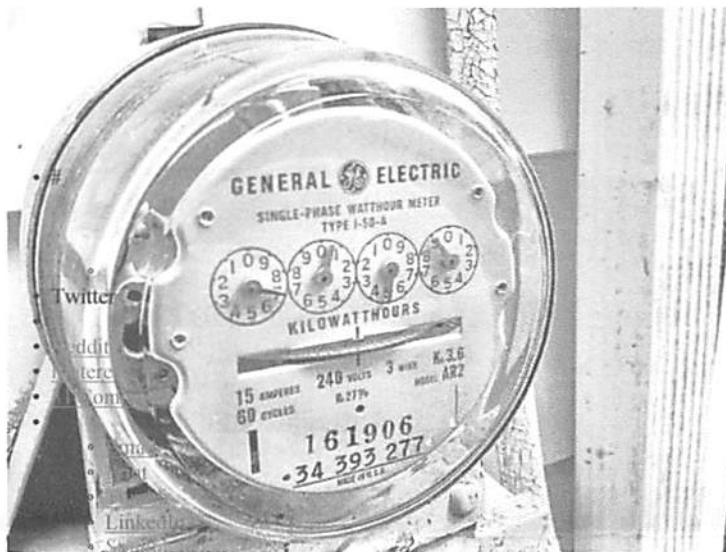
My main concerns are health issues and fire safety. I do not believe Central Hudson has done a real life, in situ, test of their digital meters connected to a forty year old electrical system. I believe, also, that the digitals do not have surge protection built in. My electric power went off at least four times last year.

I have real anxiety and concern over what effects their digital meter will cause me and my family.

I hope you will consider a re-hearing of the subject line case and allow the people who want to retain their analogs the right to do so.



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An analog electric meter File photo by Tony Adamis

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Dear Editor:

Analog meters are the only safe electric metering device. I know a recent ruling now prevents Central Hudson from installing the two-way communicating smart meters and prevents them from charging the extra monthly fees for opting out.

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However, the meter Central Hudson wants to install — the one-way communicating meter — is itself dangerous to health and safety. Other states are permitting refurbished analog meters. Why can't we, the people of New York state, have the same option?

I want to live in my home and not be bombarded constantly with dirty electricity or be concerned about fire breaking out because of these meters.



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Central Hudson's argument that analog meters are no longer manufactured is bogus. Analog meters can be refurbished to meet the power company's specifications.

I support a rehearing of the subject line case. I hope readers and the state Public Service Commission will stand up for what is right for the people and not what is profitable for Central Hudson.

*June Taggart*

*Woodstock, N.Y.*



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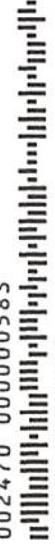
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January 19, 2018

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RE: Meter Testing Program  
Account Number [REDACTED]

Dear JUNE TAGGART:

In our continuing efforts to ensure that all customers are billed accurately, Central Hudson conducts an annual meter testing program, which is mandated by the NYS Public Service Commission. A small percentage of electric meters are randomly selected for testing each year, based upon the age and type. Meters selected for testing are replaced with state approved Encoder Receiver Transmitter (ERT) meters, which allow quick and accurate readings from a short distance.

Our customers may choose to opt out of an ERT meter with a digital, non-receiver transmitter meter. If you wish to opt out, please respond within 30 days of the date of this letter, as opting-out after an ERT meter is installed requires a one-time meter change fee. For information regarding the digital ERT meter and your options, please go to Central Hudson's website at [HTTP://WWW.CENTRALHUDSON.COM/METERS](http://www.CENTRALHUDSON.COM/METERS) or call Central Hudson's Customer Service Department at (845)452-2700 or 1-800-527-2714.

Sincerely,

**RICH MCDONALD**

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