

Petition of ConnectDER, Inc. and Tesla, Inc.	)	
to Establish a Statewide Process for	)	24-E-0526
Meter Socket Adapter Model Approval	)	

Dear New York Public Service Commission,

Amid shifting federal priorities and growing uncertainty in the solar industry, the passage of H.R.1 by the United States Congress marks a significant turning point. The legislation accelerates the phase-out of federal support for solar projects and certain residential energy storage projects. Under H.R.1, the 25D residential solar and storage tax credit—currently set at 30%—will expire on December 31, 2025. At the same time, New Yorkers are grappling with an affordability crisis, and the rollback of federal support further limits their ability to manage rising energy costs. In this environment, the value of low-cost and no-cost solutions cannot be overstated. One such solution is the use of meter socket adapter (MSA) interconnections for residential solar generation and energy storage. MSAs offer a practical, cost-effective pathway to reduce energy bills without burdening ratepayers. We respectfully urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to issue a decision on ConnectDER and Tesla’s petition in Case 24-E-0526 and direct New York’s utilities to promptly establish an approval process for meter socket adapters (MSAs). MSAs have become increasingly common in the region and across the country and are essential to keeping residential clean energy affordable for New Yorkers.

Since the petition was filed in August 2024, meter socket adapters (MSAs) have gained widespread approval across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. All investor-owned utilities in Maryland, as well as PECO in Pennsylvania, have officially approved MSAs. Connecticut and Massachusetts are also moving toward approval, following regulatory and legislative actions taken in late 2024. These developments build on existing approvals from New Jersey’s investor-owned utilities, Green Mountain Power in Vermont, and PPL in Pennsylvania. This growing momentum across neighboring states underscores that MSAs are a proven, safe, and effective solution for streamlining DER installations.

The benefits of MSAs are being recognized nationwide. In a recent Executive Action, Governor Polis of Colorado emphasized the need for eliminating barriers to DER projects, specifically naming meter collar adapters as a key strategy to promote affordability: “We will pursue updates to interconnection standards for customer-sited projects, including the use of meter collar adapters and other measures to minimize the cost and time for customers to access clean energy, and seek to minimize interconnection review for smaller systems prior to energization.”¹

Approving this petition and directing New York’s utilities to establish an approval process for MSAs will eliminate a major barrier to clean energy adoption and accelerate the state’s progress toward its affordability goals. We urge the Commission to take prompt action on this matter.

¹ RE: State Commitment Prioritizing Deployment of Affordable Clean Energy. (August 1st, 2025). Colorado Governor Jared Polis. <https://governorsoffice.colorado.gov/governor/news/gov-polis-announces-new-actions-coloradans-access-money-saving-clean-energy-resources-and#:~:text=Governor%20Polis%20announced%20that%20he,to%20provide%20reliable%2C%20affordable%20energy>.

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