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Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Brillling:

As someone who is deeply concerned with the issue of global warming and clean, renewable energy, I was dismayed to learn that there is a cap on net-metering and that it has been reached. My husband and I are hoping to invest in a solar energy system for our home, something I think all homes will eventually need to do as part of our overall energy solutions. We will have to take a long-term loan to do so even with the tax incentives. Net-metering is an important part of what makes purchasing such a system ultimately affordable. If we have to pay back a loan and still pay for other electricity because the utility won't/can't buy back our over-usage, that makes the financial burden double which we, as well as many others, cannot afford.

Governor Spitzer has placed clean, renewable energy sources at the heart of his energy policy. More and more people want to convert to solar energy. Our environment needs us to convert to solar energy. Without net-metering, many people (including us) may find it makes converting financially not possible. The impact of this on the solar industry could be hugely damaging at a time when we need to continue to grow this industry.

We need to be doing all we can to address our energy needs with as safe, clean and renewable sources as possible. I urge the Public Service Commission review case #PSC-18-07-00011-P as soon as possible and to increase the net-metering limit from 1.2 MW to 3.0MW when you do so. This increase would still be only a small percentage of the utility's electricity production but would allow the industry to meet consumer needs while our NYS legislature is reviewing legislation to increase the limit even further.

By supporting an increase in the net-metering limit, the Public Service Commission also supports Governor Spitzer's energy policy, consumer needs, and environmental needs. Increasing the net-metering limits is certainly in the best interests of the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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