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Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
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Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Ms. Brillling,

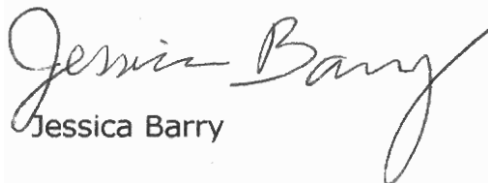
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I urge the Public Service Commission to continue its progressive policies regarding renewable energy by increasing the net metering limit from 1.2 MW to 3.0 MW when it reviews Case # PSC-18-07-00011-P, and to make certain that this case is reviewed at the Commission's next meeting.

Renewable energy technologies are crucial to the governor's stated energy policy and to the economic development strategy for several counties in Central Hudson's territory. The solar industry has been expanding coherently, and is entering an especially active period of demand this summer. As consumers are informed that net metering has been suspended, the destabilizing impact on the industry could be serious. This comes at a time when the New York State Assembly and Senate have approved legislation that would expand the limit further.

New York's state agencies, industry associations, and individual businesses in the renewable energy sector have worked hard and cooperated well to build up the market for renewable energy installations. A primary factor in this success has been our collective ability to project coherence, reliability and simplicity to the consumer. The new cap proposed in the petition, 3.0 MW, is still a tiny percentage of the utility's electricity production, but will allow the industry to meet consumer demand while the Assembly reviews the new legislation. By supporting the increased net metering limit, the PSC also supports the governor's energy policy and a growing base of consumers and voters who believe in an expanded renewable energy future.

With appreciation,

  
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