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Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
Public Service Commission
Bldg 3, Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Ms. Brillling,

I write as a homeowner who has installed a both a photovoltaic and geothermal system in her house, an IGSHPA-certified geothermal installer, and as an installer/designer-in-training for photovoltaics and home energy audits to further conservation and renewable energy measures. 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.

I also write as an individual who sees only environmental instability and further ruinous oil wars ahead for our country and our world unless leadership is taken to foster the growth of conservation and renewable energy. The United States, I believe, must lead this vision, and New York has been one of the most progressive states on this issue. We must not only maintain this position, but further it.

Renewable energy technologies are a crux of the governor's stated energy policy and of economic development strategy for several counties in Central Hudson's territory. New York's state agencies, industry associations, and individual businesses in the renewable energy sector have worked hard and cooperated well to build the market for renewable energy installations. The solar industry has been expanding steadily, 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.

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.

Thanking you,


Judith Karpova