

Dear Ms. Brillling;

I strongly urge the Public Service Commission to intercede and reverse Central Hudson's net-metering halt.

I was dismayed and frankly more than a little angry to read about Central Hudson's net-metering halt in the July 24<sup>th</sup> issue of "The Poughkeepsie Journal". This is the exact opposite of the approach we should be taking if we truly want to safeguard our environment. We should be encouraging **ALL** energy users to install solar technology, not penalizing those who taken the initiative to do so. This is not a subsidy as John Maserjian suggests. Solar users have made a significant out of pocket expenditure, in part to push the technologies energy companies have discouraged. Their focus remains on hefty dividends to their shareholders, while using our negative meter surplus to re-sell to customers have have failed to take the much needed solar initiative.

We also have to consider the detrimental impact on the developing solar industry itself, which has been touted as a potential job creator by **Governor Cuomo** and many other elected officials. The net-metering halt will discourage solar development and dampen prospects for much needed job creation. Halting net-metering is actually subsidizing and incentivizing those energy users who refuse to adopt needed environmental change. I have filed a complaint with the Commission and would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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