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Ms. Jaclyn Brillling, Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NYS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Support for Central Hudson's Energy Efficiency Plan.

Dear Secretary Brillling:

I am writing in support of Central Hudson's Energy Efficiency plan and urge the New York State Public Service Commission to expedite approval of this important initiative. The Board of Directors of the Ulster County Development Corporation supports this as the logical and fair counterpart of net metering, which we also support as vital to our region's solar energy initiative. We feel that net metering would be best advanced at the regulatory level.

Energy costs and climate change are global concerns, and foremost on the minds of Hudson Valley residents. Their program addresses both by helping residents and businesses reduce their energy use effectively and efficiently, providing them with the opportunity to better-manage their energy bills while also reducing their environmental impacts and demands on the energy system.

Through their close involvement with our communities, customer relationships and regional name recognition, Central Hudson is capable of effecting wide-scale participation in energy efficiency programs. They have a proven track record, and are often thought of first when it comes to providing information and expert advice on energy efficiency.

Their program could offer substantial savings in energy use, projected 1.1 million megawatt hours of electricity and 21.5 million therms of natural gas in total over the full life of the installed efficiency measures, reducing energy costs in the Mid-Hudson Valley and, just as important, greenhouse gas emissions through lowered energy production. Central Hudson's program contains the necessary

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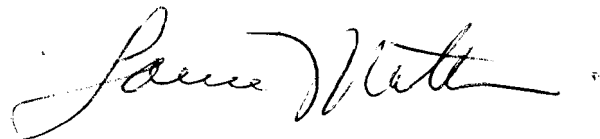
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provisions and incentives to help residents and businesses take those critical first steps in using energy more efficiently.

Central Hudson also designed a program that would provide benefits for our most disadvantaged population, and recognizes the need to help these families by offering them long-term solutions that provide economic relief *and* social benefits. Their plan also removes economic barriers to allow Central Hudson to fully endorse and develop energy efficient programs, and provides substantial net benefits to residents and businesses through the use of their program.

We need solutions to our energy problems now. Higher energy costs and environmental concerns affect everyone, and Central Hudson's plan addresses both. Winter and colder weather will soon be here, and we cannot, and should not, have to wait when a viable plan is ready for us today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Matteson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Lance Matteson
President

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