

Opposing Rate Increase For Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

The Human Development Committee (Chairman Gregorius and Legislators Loughran, Provenzano, Terpening, Hansut, Noonan and Terrizzi) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation filed a new rate plan with the New York State Public Service Commission on July 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, such proposal, if approved, would raise the total overall electricity bill for all classes of customers by 3.5%, or about \$3.46 per month for an typical residential, for the delivery of electricity, and

WHEREAS, such proposal, if approved, would also raise the total overall natural gas heating bill by 8 %, or approximately \$14.70 per month for an average residential natural gas heating customer, for the delivery of natural gas, and

WHEREAS, this proposal, will increase the cost of delivery of energy to customers, and is in addition to the increases which occur for the cost of energy from wholesale suppliers, and

WHEREAS, the current consumer price index indicates that the total costs of energy has risen approximately 27.2% during the past twelve months ending August 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the additional increase of this proposal, approved, would result in undue hardships to residents already living on the margin in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Human Development Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature opposes this rate plan proposal,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Briggs, Kraft,
Shapiro, Sheeley and Zimet)
(Legislator R.A. Parete arrived at 7:25 PM)
(Legislator Terrizzi arrived at 7:48 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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