

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3218

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Hon. Cheryl A. LaFleur
Acting Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: NYISO New Capacity Zone

Dear Acting Chairman LaFleur,

Like many of my friends and neighbors, I continue to be outraged at Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)'s decision to establish a new capacity zone in the lower Hudson Valley. In July, I was encouraged by your commitment to "take a hard look" at the impact of this decision on hardworking families and businesses, many of whom are still struggling to emerge from the recent recession. As you evaluate this decision, I ask that you consider providing a refund to any ratepayers impacted by the reckless decision.

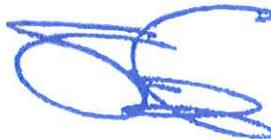
Since May, this new capacity zone has caused an unreasonable increase in electric bills for countless residents. Moreover, FERC's decision to impose these abysmal rate hikes on the residents of the Hudson Valley without first considering their opinions and concerns has only served to add insult to injury. I stand beside my neighbors, community leaders, and businesses when I demand that FERC abandon this ill-advised policy – especially following the passage of legislation in the House of Representatives.

As you consider reversing this decision, a refund is necessary to make folks whole after these arbitrary capacity charges. Hudson Valley residents deserve repayment back to the effective date for these excessive charges caused by FERC's implementation of the new capacity zone – especially as FERC has a statutory responsibility to ensure electric rates are just and reasonable.

With freezing temperatures coming soon to the Hudson Valley, I firmly believe our constituents should not have to pay a penny more than they need to during the harsh winter months.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress