

## CITY OF BEACON CITY COUNCIL

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2024**

## **OPPOSING DELIVERY RATE INCREASES BY CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson") is a regulated transmission and distribution utility serving approximately 309,000 electric customers and 84,000 gas customers in the Mid-Hudson Region, including the City of Beacon; and

**WHEREAS,** Central Hudson requested approval has applied to the New York State Public Service Commission ("PSC") for approval to increase significantly its electricity and natural gas delivery rates on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase for electric delivery charges would result in an estimated increase of \$30.12 (31.9% increase on the delivery bill, or 16.4% increase on the total bill) for an average residential customer using 660 kWh per month; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase for natural gas delivery charges would result in an increase of \$30.13 (29.2% increase on the delivery bill, or 19.0% increase on the total bill) for an average residential customer using 780 Ccf per year; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson's proposed increases would place an undue financial burden on residents, especially those with fixed or limited incomes, as well as on our community's small business community and local governments throughout the region, including Beacon; and

WHEREAS, increases in utility rates also place an additional financial burden on the community's taxpayers as the City's own facilities are served by Central Hudson.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Beacon City Council does hereby oppose the rate increases for delivery of electricity and natural gas for which Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation has applied; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of the Resolution shall be delivered by the City Clerk to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission.

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□ Not on roll call.			On roll call			□ 3/4 Required		
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent	
		Paloma Wake	Х					
		Amber Grant	Х					
		Molly Rhodes	Х					
	X	Jeffrey Domanski	Х					
		Pam Wetherbee	Х					
x		Dan Aymar-Blair	Х					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	X					
		<b>Motion Carried</b>	Х					