

**Town of Olive
Resolution #11 of 2024**

Resolution Opposing Delivery Rate Increases by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation ("Central Hudson") has applied to the New York State Public Service Commission for increases in its electricity delivery rates and its natural gas delivery rates effective July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson seeks a rate increase for electric delivery charges that would result in an increase in the monthly bill 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, Central Hudson's area of electrical service includes the Town of Olive, and Central Hudson's proposed rate increase will cause hardship for the residents and businesses of the town, particularly those with fixed or limited incomes, as well as placing an additional financial burden on the town's taxpayers as the town's facilities are served by Central Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Olive and its resident Central Hudson account holders continue to experience repeated billing issues with their Central Hudson bills, including significant unexplained adjustments, major swings in bill amounts between months and, for those customers with net-metered solar PV installations, unexplained and untimely adjustments to their bills related to solar production; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2024, the Town of Olive testified before the New York State Public Service Commission, in effect, asking the proposed rate increase be denied until such billing issues are fully resolved; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Olive does hereby oppose the proposed rate increases for the delivery of electricity for which Central Hudson has applied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the Resolution be delivered by the Town Clerk to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, the Hon. Peter Oberacker, New York State Senator for the 51st District, the Hon. Sarahana Shrestha, New York State Assemblymember for the 103rd District.

AND MOVES ITS ADOPTION

Motion made by:

Seconded By:

A Vote was Duly Taken:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Jim Sofranko, Supervisor	_____	_____	_____
David Edinger, Board Member	_____	_____	_____
Andrew Boggess, Board Member	_____	_____	_____
Scott Kelder, Board Member	_____	_____	_____
Victoria Read, Board Member	_____	_____	_____

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024

Dawn Giuditta, Town Clerk