

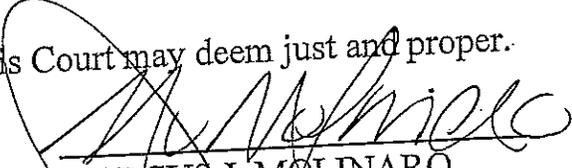
2. As County Executive, I am the chief executive officer of the County. I am aware that the Public Service Commission of the State of New York has filed a separate action in this Court (14-1482) for relief similar to that request by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. (hereinafter "CH") and, in the interest of judicial economy, I request that this submission be read in support thereof as if it had been separately filed therein.
3. At the onset, I note that Dutchess County's application to join the motion of CH and its companion action involving the Public Service Commission of the State of New York, for the relief requested by those entities has been authorized by me and that no financial source outside of the government of Dutchess County has contributed any money to fund Dutchess County's representation herein. The County's submission has been provided by the Dutchess County Attorney at the sole expense of Dutchess County.
4. Dutchess County is located in the lower Hudson Valley and is situated in the new "Capacity Zone" which is the subject of this lawsuit. CH is the primary source of electrical and natural gas energy for Dutchess County and, as such, services the approximate 300,000 residents of the County.
5. As County Executive, I have a responsibility mandated by our Charter for the welfare of our residents. That responsibility extends to the financial well being and security of our residents. The people of Dutchess County will be

adversely affected if the decisions and orders issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which are the subject of this lawsuit, are not reviewed and ultimately reversed. I do not make this statement and draw this conclusion without a factual basis.

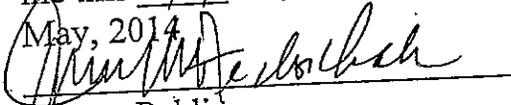
6. I invite the Court to consider these financial realities, which, I contend, have been ignored by FERC: Presently 70% of the County's operating budget is dedicated to services and expenditures mandated by the State of New York and Federal Government over which we have limited control, since 2008, our tax base has declined 24% from \$ 38.4 to \$ 29.10 billion Dollars, our unemployment rate has increased 62% from 4% to 6.47%, the caseload managed by our Department of Community and Family Services (social services) which administers Federal and State assistance programs has increased 73% from 28,400 to 49,205, the number of real property foreclosures has increased 39% from 1,184 to 1,650, the number of calls to our Department of Mental Hygiene Helpline has increased 46% from 15,936 to 23,273 and the median home selling price has fallen 26% from \$324,740 to \$240,000. Further economic growth and sales tax revenues, which are our major source of operating revenue, have remained stagnant, falling short of projection in 2013 by \$ 3.4 million dollars.

7. CH has done a thorough job in explaining the negative financial impact the relief granted thus far by FERC will have on the residents of the lower Hudson Valley if left unchecked. Simply stated, Dutchess County is Main Street and not Wall Street. Our residents have not enjoyed a positive financial change over the past seven years. The indicators I cited above show just the opposite. We can ill afford more of a financial burden, which will indeed befall our residents if the energy cost increases as a result of FERC's orders. FERC's orders must be reviewed and reversed to avoid this burden.
8. Finally, I note that beginning on April 9, 2014, I have written to FERC on five occasions in an attempt to alert it to the concerns of the County.

WHEREFORE, for all of the reasons set forth herein and in Dutchess County's *amicus-curiae* brief, of which this Affidavit is a part, Dutchess County respectfully requests that this Court grant the relief requested by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation and the Public Service Commission of the State of New York and for such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.


MARCUS J. MOLINARO
Dutchess County Executive

Sworn to before
me this 19th day of
May, 2014


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