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Company Unveils Clean Energy Transition Principles

New York's Climate Action Council held a series of in-person and virtual meetings to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the Draft Scoping Plan, the document that will determine the path the state takes to reach the ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set forth in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act that was signed into law in 2019.

Though none of the public hearings were held in Central Hudson's service area, representatives from the company spoke in-person at the Albany and Peekskill hearings, as well as at both virtual hearings. In its statement, Central Hudson recognized the need to take meaningful and impactful actions aimed at significantly reducing carbon emissions and protecting the environment.

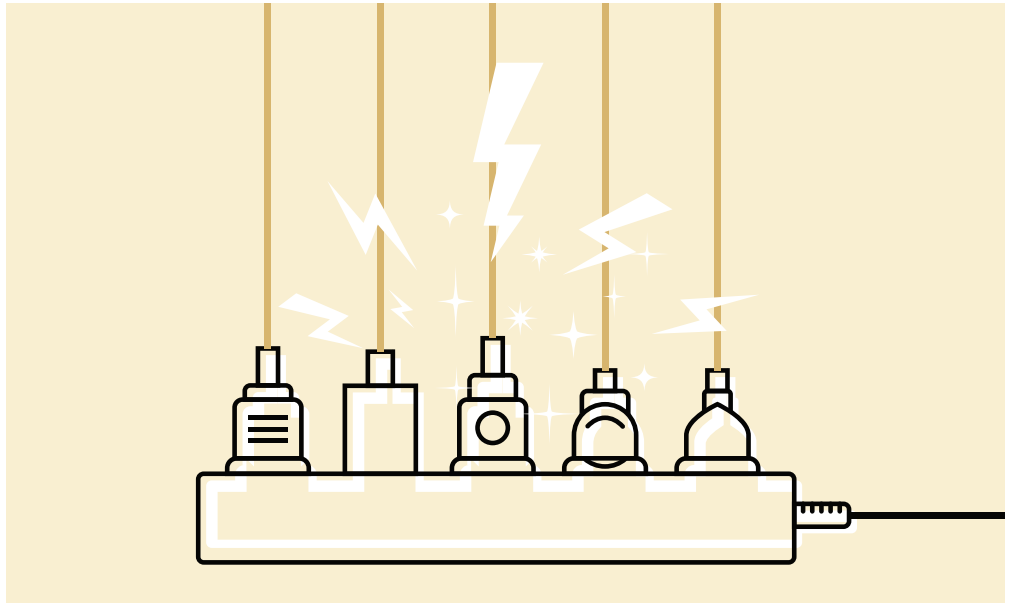
Central Hudson believes a decarbonization strategy that makes use of all technology and resource options is the surest way to lower emissions. Energy efficiency, heat pumps and electric vehicles are examples.

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NATIONAL ELECTRIC SAFETY MONTH

CUSTOMERS REMINDED TO USE ELECTRICITY SAFELY

During National Electric Safety Month and all year round, Central Hudson reminds its customers to use electricity safely.

"We all depend upon and use electricity every day for lighting, heating, powering household appliances, electronics and even telecommunications," said Charles A. Freni, President and C.E.O. of Central Hudson. "National Electric Safety Month reminds us that we should not take electricity for granted, as misuse can cause injury or even death. That is why it's so important to take proper precautions, and to help our families learn about electric safety."

According to Electric Safety Foundation International, 51,000 electrical home structure fires occur each year.

Steps to avoid overloaded electric circuits include:

- Ensuring all major appliances are plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Only plug one heat-producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Understanding that power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet, so the receptacle may become overloaded.

Before starting any outdoor project, such as working on the roof, trimming trees or painting a home or building,

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Safety: Take proper precautions when using electricity

know where power lines are located. If work activities are within 10 feet of overhead power lines, contact Central Hudson at (845) 452-2700 so that a safe work plan can be determined. Outdoor project safety measures include:

- Locating all overhead power lines before beginning work;
- Staying at least 10 feet away from all overhead power lines, and contacting Central Hudson if work activities may be closer;
- Calling 811 before digging or excavating to identify the location of underground utilities, and including electrical lines, to avoid potential injury and interruption of electric service;
- Not touching anything in contact with power lines; and
- Carrying ladders and equipment horizontally.

During storms and other emergencies:

- Call 911 to report downed power lines and stay at least 30 feet away;
- Follow the manufacturer's safety instructions on the use of emergency generators, and be sure to shut off the main breaker when in use and operate the units outdoors; and
- Beware of downed power lines entangled in fallen trees and limbs.

Other safety tips include:

- Never mixing electricity and water, and keeping devices such as hair dryers and radios away from filled tubs, sinks, swimming pools and other sources of water;
- Never running extension cords or wiring under carpets and rugs, and using properly rated extension cords for the devices being used;
- Installing Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) outlets locat-

ed near sources of water such as in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry areas and outdoors, and using tamper-proof outlets to keep young children safe;

- Having licensed professionals perform electrical work on homes and businesses, and having older wiring inspected for worn insulation or overloading; and
- Knowing where wiring is located behind walls before installing wall hangers or performing remodeling, and shutting off circuit breakers before beginning work.

For more on National Electric Safety Month, visit the Electric Safety Foundation International website at <https://www.esfi.org/program/national-electrical-safety-month>, or the Safety section of Central Hudson's website at www.CentralHudson.com/Safety. To view a video on safety precautions for outdoor projects, [click here](#). ✨

Principles: Energy future relies on reliability, affordability

While renewable power sources are also critically important in this transition, an energy system that relies too heavily on intermittent resources today can jeopardize reliability and drive up costs. A planned approach that also includes low and zero carbon fuels can significantly reduce emissions while maintaining reliability and affordability. This includes battery storage, wind, solar, hydro, nuclear power, natural gas and in the future zero emissions fuels such as hydrogen and renewable natural gas. Having a diverse mix of renewable and dispatchable resources is necessary to ensure New York's energy systems meet the needs of every resident, around the clock, every day all while advancing the state's climate goals.

This transformation will be costly – several hundred billion dollars or more – and in order to gain widespread public acceptance, every reasonable effort must be made to minimize the financial burden New Yorkers are asked to carry. An approach that embraces all options reduces the risk of unsustainable cost increases. Allowing flexibility in energy technologies will prevent many of the businesses and industries that power New York's economy from potentially leaving the state. We must not compromise the livelihoods of our residents and businesses.

To learn more about what Central Hudson is doing to reduce emissions while maintaining reliability, visit [click here](#). ✨

Since the transformation to a low carbon economy will have an impact on every single New Yorker, Central Hudson developed four principles it believes are vital to a successful transition:

1. The electric power grid must meet New York's energy needs at all times;
2. New Yorkers' livelihoods must be enhanced, not harmed by this transition;
3. We must reduce emissions at the lowest-possible cost; and
4. All emission reduction solutions should be on the table; and right now, they're not.

ENERGY SUPPLY PRICE UPDATE:

Supply prices for both electricity and natural gas declined significantly for the May billing period.

- Electric (effective May 11): 6 cents per kilowatt hour
 - Natural gas (effective May 1): 64 cents per 100 cubic feet
- While these prices represent a significant

drop off from April energy supply prices, state regulators are warning of another spike in these prices this summer. [Click here](#) to learn more about forecasted energy supply prices.