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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Re: *Central Hudson WM Electric Transmission Line Rebuild Project*

Dear Ms. Mayle:

Central Hudson provided me with a copy of your June 10 letter to the Town of Montgomery Planning Board and asked that I provide a response. As you probably know, in April 2007, Central Hudson applied for site plan approval and a special use permit from the Town of Montgomery Planning Board (Planning Board) for the above-referenced project. As originally submitted, the route for the Project would have traversed through the middle of the unimproved part of the middle/high school complex property.

As you probably know, representatives of Central Hudson have met several times with school representatives, including the Board of Education, to explain the project and solicit comments from the Board and administration. During these discussions, the District asked Central Hudson to consider modifying the route of the Project through the school district property so that the line does not cut across the middle of the unimproved part of the middle/high school complex property but instead hugs the edge of the boundary of the school property so that very little of the school district property is affected. According to District officials, this would allow any future development of the school district property, reduce any concerns with regard to installation of electric lines on school property, and otherwise minimize any potential environmental impacts. Central Hudson has agreed to the District's request. The attached drawing shows the original proposed route and the modified route.

You should also know that included in the package of information that has been submitted to the Planning Board is information relative to electromagnetic fields (EMF) generated as a result of the installation of a 69 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Central Hudson's EMF calculations demonstrate that EMFs generated are well within standards established by the Public Service

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Commission. For your information, booklets Central Hudson provides its customers who have concerns about EMFs are enclosed.

Central Hudson would be happy to meet with school district representatives to answer any questions regarding the new location of the Project on school property and then have further discussions with regard to obtaining the appropriate easement and access for construction purposes from the District.

The Planning Board is continuing to evaluate the numerous submissions that Central Hudson has made and the project modifications and further mitigation that has been agreed upon before it makes a determination under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Central Hudson continues to believe that, as a result of all the project modifications (including the one on the school district property) and additional mitigation, the Project should receive a Negative Declaration under SEQRA.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Kevin M. Bernstein

cc: Town of Montgomery Planning Board
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? IS THERE A NEED FOR CONCERN?

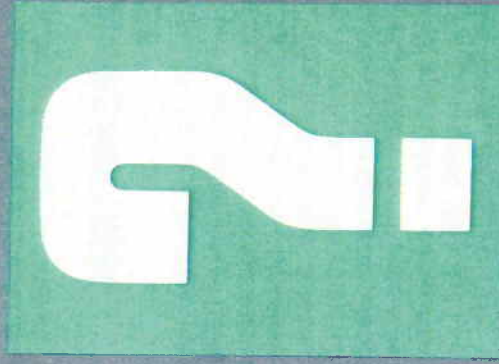
A Current research information is inconsistent and inconclusive, but of sufficient interest to warrant further scientific investigation. At this time, only a limited number of studies on the relationship between EMF and human health have been made, and two that report an association are from the same geographic area.

? WHAT ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IS PLANNED?

A Research needs include well-planned epidemiologic studies in which EMF exposures are carefully measured, instead of using job titles or proximity to power lines. These studies should involve additional communities and address other possible factors that may influence the occurrence of cancer. Further animal studies also are necessary. Additional research is needed to develop a biological theory to explain how EMF might influence the activity of cells and tissues.

In the next four to five years, individual U.S. electric utilities and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) will spend millions of dollars researching EMF effects to ensure that electric utility operations are as risk free as possible. Other research is being conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy, utilities in Canada, and in the United Kingdom, Italy, and Sweden.

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