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*Chairman, President &  
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March 9, 2010

Hon. William R. Steinhaus  
County Executive  
Dutchess County  
22 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your kind letter. Dutchess County employees are also to be commended for their exemplary response to the "Twin Peaks" storm, as we have taken to calling it here at Central Hudson.

As you may know, electric service was interrupted to approximately 209,000 of our customers through the course of the two storms, prompting the largest restoration effort in our Company's history. We could not have made the progress we did without the assistance of your trained and committed personnel. Thank you for working alongside of us for as long as was necessary to restore service throughout Dutchess County. We're grateful.

As part of our Emergency Response Plan, we conduct a "post mortem" on every major storm event with the goal of continuously improving our response procedures. In fact, some of the procedures we deployed with great effect in this storm resulted from our review of the December 2008 ice storm that struck northern Dutchess County. We are also obligated to provide to the New York State Public Service Commission a report within 60 days (in this case, May 1). It will identify lessons learned for application to future emergency events.

Due to the magnitude of this storm, we will be gathering more input from more people than ever before. Your insights will be especially valued, and we will look very much forward to meeting with you to determine how we can be even better prepared the next storm. Our review efforts will be led by Charlie Freni, our Senior VP of Customer Services, and he will contact your office directly to discuss arrangements.

Again, thanks for your comments, and for responding so well when faced with this emergency.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve", written in a cursive style.

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