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1 1. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2 Q. Please state your name, title, and employer.

A. My name is Tim Woolf. I am a Vice President at Synapse Energy Economics, located at
4 485 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

5 Q. Please describe Synapse Energy Economics.

6 A. Synapse Energy Economics is a research and consulting firm specializing in electricity 7 and gas industry regulation, planning, and analysis. Our work covers a range of issues, 8 including economic and technical assessments of demand-side and supply-side energy 9 resources; energy efficiency policies and programs; integrated resource planning; 10 electricity market modeling and assessment; renewable resource technologies and 11 policies; and climate change strategies. Synapse works for a wide range of clients, 12 including state attorneys general, offices of consumer advocates, trade associations, 13 public utility commissions, environmental advocates, the U.S. Environmental Protection 14 Agency, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade 15 Commission, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. 16 Synapse has over 25 professional staff with extensive experience in the electricity 17 industry.

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Q. Please summarize your professional and educational experience.

A. Before joining Synapse Energy Economics, I was a commissioner at the Massachusetts
 Department of Public Utilities (DPU) from 2007 through 2011. In that capacity, I was
 responsible for overseeing a substantial expansion of clean energy policies, including
 significantly increased ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs; an update of the

1		DPU energy efficiency guidelines; the implementation of decoupled rates for electric and
2		gas companies; the promulgation of net metering regulations; review and approval of
3		smart grid pilot programs; and review and approval of long-term contracts for renewable
4		power. I was also responsible for overseeing a variety of other dockets before the
5		Commission, including several electric and gas utility rate cases.
6		Prior to being a commissioner at the Massachusetts DPU, I was employed as the Vice
7		President at Synapse Energy Economics; a Manager at Tellus Institute; the Research
8		Director at the Association for the Conservation of Energy; a Staff Economist at the
9		Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities; and a Policy Analyst at the Massachusetts
10		Executive Office of Energy Resources.
11		I hold a Masters in Business Administration from Boston University, a Diploma in
12		Economics from the London School of Economics, a BS in Mechanical Engineering and
13		a BA in English from Tufts University. My resume, attached as Exhibit TW-1, presents
14		additional details of my professional and educational experience.
15	Q.	Please summarize your professional experience regarding the New York Reforming
16		the Energy Vision proceedings and earnings adjustment mechanisms in general.
17	A.	I have participated in the New York Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceeding in
18		several forums. I prepared a report for Advanced Energy Economy Institute on
19		conducting benefit-cost analyses of distributed energy resources. ¹ I helped prepare
20		multiple comments and reply comments on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense

¹ Synapse Energy Economics, *Benefit Cost Analysis for Distributed Energy Resources: A Framework for Accounting for All Relevant Costs and Benefits*, prepared for Advanced Energy Economy Institute, October 2014, available at: http://www.synapse-energy.com/project/benefit-cost-analysis-distributed-energy-resources.

1		Council and others in the proceedings on the Commission's Track One Straw Proposal,
2		the Commission's Benefit-Cost Analysis White Paper, the Commission's Track Two
3		White Paper, and the New York electric utilities' Distribution System Implementation
4		Plans. I also prepared a white paper for multiple parties on the potential for implementing
5		greater amounts of cost-effective energy efficiency resources in New York. ²
6		I have been engaged in several other states in developing performance incentive
7		mechanisms (i.e., earnings adjustment mechanisms), including Hawaii, Massachusetts,
8		New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. I have also prepared a manual for regulators for how
9		to design performance incentive mechanisms, which has been highly utilized throughout
10		many states. ³
11	Q.	On whose behalf are you testifying in this case?
12	A.	I am testifying on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council.
13	Q.	Have you previously testified before the New York Public Service Commission?
14	A.	Yes. I testified in the Niagara Mohawk rate case, Case 17-E-0238, on behalf of Advanced
15		Energy Economy, on the topic of Earning Adjustment Mechanisms (EAMs).

² Synapse Energy Economics, Aiming Higher: Realizing the Full Potential of Cost-Effective Energy Efficiency in New York, prepared for Natural Resources Defense Council, E4TheFuture, CLEAResult, Lime Energy, Association for Energy Affordability, and Alliance for Clean Energy New York, April 2016, available at: http://www.synapse-energy.com/project/support-ny-rev-track-2-changes-regulatory-designs-and-incentivesstructures.

³ Synapse Energy Economics, *Performance Incentive Mechanisms: A Handbook for Regulators*, prepared for the Western Interstate Energy Board, March 9, 2015, available at: http://www.synapseenergy.com/project/performance-incentives-utilities.

1	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony?
2	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to review and critique the Earnings Adjustment
3		Mechanisms (EAMs) proposed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company (CHG&E or
4		the Company), with a focus on the energy efficiency (EE) EAM. I offer
5		recommendations for how the EE EAM should be modified to increase the Company's
6		efficiency savings, reduce costs to customers, and be better aligned with the goals of the
7		New York REV proceeding.
8	2. S	SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
9	Q.	Please summarize your findings.
10	A.	My findings are summarized as follows:
11		• The Company's proposed EE savings targets are much too low, do not reflect all
12		the cost-effective efficiency savings available, are not consistent with the
13		directives of the NY REV process, and will result in higher costs to customers.
14		• The Company's EE savings targets do not account for the potential for market-
15		based energy efficiency initiatives.
16		• Neither the Company's 2014 Efficiency Potential Study nor its 2016 Energy
17		Efficiency Transition Implementation Plan (ETIP) provide a good basis for
18		establishing EAM energy efficiency savings targets, because they do not reflect
19		all cost-effective efficiency savings.
20		• The Company's EE savings targets suffer from a lack of statewide coordination
21		and long-term planning, and they have not been given the type of oversight and

1		review that is warranted for a resource that plays such a critical role in meeting
2		New York state energy policy goals.
3	Q.	Please summarize your primary recommendations.
4	A.	My recommendations are summarized as follows:
5		• The Commission should establish new CHG&E efficiency savings targets that
6		more accurately reflect the potential for cost-effective efficiency savings, are
7		consistent with the Commission's guidance in the REV process, are consistent
8		with savings that leading utilities are achieving, and are consistent with New York
9		clean energy goals and policies.
10		• The Commission should clarify that the Company's efficiency savings targets
11		must recognize and account for the potential efficiency savings that can be
12		achieved through market-based initiatives.
13		• The Commission should establish new minimum efficiency savings targets that
14		are equal to the Company's 2016 and 2017 ETIP savings levels. The Commission
15		should establish new maximum efficiency savings targets based on the
16		assumption that the Company can increase its efficiency savings by 0.4 percent
17		per year, in terms of percent of retail sales, beginning in 2018 and continuing
18		through 2021 and beyond.
19		• The Commission should modify the basis points allocated to the energy efficiency
20		EAM, by allowing the Company to earn 30 basis points for achieving the
21		maximum efficiency savings targets. The Commission should also allow the
22		Company to earn incentives for savings that exceed the maximum savings targets.

1		• The Commission should approve the Company's request to recover incremental
2		efficiency funding through the existing Energy Efficiency Tracker surcharge, as
3		long as the incremental efficiency savings have a benefit-cost ratio of greater than
4		one.
5		• The Commission should establish a central, statewide energy efficiency planning
6		process that allows for robust and effective Commission and stakeholder input.
7		Energy efficiency savings targets and other long-term efficiency planning
8		decisions should be coordinated through this central process, rather than being
9		addressed piecemeal and inconsistently in utility rate cases.
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- 18 would earn 5 basis points for achieving the minimum level and 15 basis points for
- 19 achieving the maximum.⁵ Awards for savings between these levels would be calculated

⁴ Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, page 23.

⁵ Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, page 23.

2		maximum savings targets.
3	Q.	How did the Company determine the efficiency savings targets for the MWh
4		Reduction metric?
5	A.	The minimum and maximum energy savings targets are based on the Company's 2014
6		Potential Study, which was completed in 2016 by Applied Energy Group using data from
7		2014.6 That study estimated the technical potential, the economic potential, and the
8		achievable market potential for energy efficiency savings in the Company's service
9		territory through 2035. The achievable market potential includes two possible scenarios:
10		the reasonably achievable potential (RAP), assuming expected program participation; and
11		the maximum achievable potential (MAP), assuming ideal market, implementation, and
12		customer conditions. ⁷
13	Q.	What are the Company's efficiency savings targets, and how do they compare with
14		its historical savings and its ETIP savings targets?
15	A.	Figure 1 presents the historical EE savings for 2015–2016, the ETIP savings targets for
16		2015–2018, and the proposed EE EAM targets for 2018–2021. ⁸

by linear interpolation. The Company would not earn incentives for savings above the

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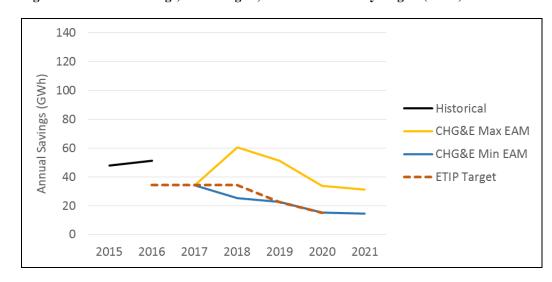
⁶ Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, page 23.

 ⁷ Applied Energy Group, *Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company Energy Efficiency Potential Study*, Final Report, May 3, 2016, page 3.

⁸ The 2015 historical savings are from the New York Public Service Commission, *Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Database*, available at http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/EEPS/EEPSReport.aspx. The 2016 historical savings are from Central Hudson Gas & Electric, *ETIP Scorecard Q4 2016*, March 30, 2017. The 2016 ETIP target is from NY Public Service Commission, Case 15-M-0252, *Order Authorizing Utility-Administered Energy Efficiency Portfolio Budgets and Targets for 2016 - 2018*, January 21, 2016, Appendix B. The 2017–2020 ETIP targets are from Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company, *2017–2020 Energy Efficiency Transition Plan*, page 6. The EAM targets are from the Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, Exhibit__(EAMP-5).



Figure 1. Historical savings, ETIP targets, and EAM efficiency targets (GWh)



3 4. THE EFFICIENCY SAVINGS TARGETS

4 The Company's Efficiency Savings Targets Are Much Too Low

5 Q. Do you have any concerns about the efficiency savings targets proposed by the 6 **Company in this docket?** 7 A. Yes. The proposed efficiency savings targets are too low for several reasons: 8 The energy savings targets are not consistent with the goals and directives from 9 the NY REV dockets. 10 The Company's energy savings targets are not incremental to the ETIP savings 11 targets, as required by the Track Two order. 12 The Company's energy savings targets represent a significant reduction in 13 efficiency savings relative to historical savings, especially in the later years.

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1	Q.	Please explain why the efficiency savings targets are not consistent with the
2		Commission's NY REV directives and state energy policy goals.
3	A.	Throughout the REV dockets, the Commission has been clear that energy efficiency is a
4		high priority resource for meeting state energy policy goals. In opening the REV
5		proceeding, the Commission identified system-wide efficiency and carbon reductions as
6		two of the six policy objectives of the proceeding. ¹⁰ In the Track Two order, the
7		Commission stated that developing "an incentive approach for energy efficiency is
8		essential, in part because energy efficiency is critically important to state energy policy
9		and the Clean Energy Standard"11
10		The Company's proposed efficiency savings targets, however, do not reflect this high
11		priority that the Commission has placed on energy efficiency resources. To the contrary,
12		the Company's savings targets (a) are mostly lower than the ETIP targets, (b) are lower
13		than historical efficiency savings, and (c) steadily decline over time rather than increase
14		over time to help reduce the costs of complying with the Clean Energy Standard.
15	Q.	Please describe how the EAM efficiency savings targets are not based on
16		incremental efficiency savings.
17	A.	In the Track Two order the Commission is clear that efficiency EAMs should be
18		incremental to ETIP targets, stating that the "ETIP targets themselves will serve as a

¹⁰ New York Public Service Commission, *Order Instituting Proceeding*, Case 14-M-0101, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision, April 25, 2014, page 2.

¹¹ New York Public Service Commission, Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework, Case 14-M-0101, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision, May 19, 2016, page 79.

1	baseline, but for purposes of a utility earning opportunity, a long term and more
2	expansive efficiency target will be developed." ¹²

3 The Company's proposed efficiency savings targets, however, are not incremental to its 4 ETIP targets. As indicated in Figure 1, the Company's proposed minimum efficiency 5 savings targets are equal to or less than the 2016 ETIP targets. Furthermore, the ETIP 6 targets decline over time, resulting in 2020 and 2021 EAM minimum savings targets that 7 are well below the 2016 and 2017 ETIP targets, and maximum savings targets that are 8 roughly equal to the 2016 and 2017 ETIP targets. In 2019 through 2021 the Company 9 will be able to earn roughly half of the EAM incentives by simply achieving efficiency 10 savings equal to the 2016 and 2017 ETIP targets.

11 **Q**. Please describe how the EAM efficiency savings targets compare with historical 12 efficiency savings.

13 A. As indicated in Figure 1, the minimum efficiency savings targets are well below the

- 14 efficiency savings achieved in 2015 and 2016, and in later years they are less than half of
- 15 those. The maximum efficiency savings targets are also below the historical savings
- 16 levels, except for 2018 and 2019, when they are roughly equal to historical levels.
- 17 The Company appears to recognize the importance of setting EAM targets that are higher 18 than historical savings levels. In justifying the cost per kWh metric, the Company notes
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that in "order to achieve New York state clean energy goals, energy efficiency measures

¹² New York Public Service Commission, Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework, Case 14-M-0101, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision, May 19, 2016, page 81. See also page 82, where the Commission explicitly stated that the EAM savings targets should be "incremental to ETIP targets."

1		must be significantly higher than historic[al] levels." ¹³ However, the Company's
2		proposed efficiency savings targets for the minimum energy efficiency EAM are
3		inconsistent with this concept, because they are well below historical levels of savings.
4	Q.	Please explain why the efficiency savings targets should not be based on Central
5		Hudson's 2014 Potential Study.
6	A.	The 2014 Potential Study is out of synch with the Commission's directives in the NY
7		REV proceeding, and the study fails to identify the full potential for cost-effective
8		efficiency resources in New York.
9		First, the 2014 Potential Study uses the Total Resource Cost test to identify the economic
10		potential for energy efficiency. This is inconsistent with the Commission's directive
11		requiring the utilities to primarily use the Societal Cost tests, supplemented by the Utility
12		Cost test, and it is similarly inconsistent with the Company's BCA Handbook. ¹⁴ In
13		general, the Total Resource Cost test identifies significantly less cost-effective energy
14		efficiency savings than the Societal Cost or the Utility Cost test.
15		Second, the 2014 Potential Study does not account for the potential for energy efficiency
16		savings from market-based efficiency initiatives. According to that study, the maximum
17		achievable potential (MAP) "represents savings that are possible through utility programs

¹³ Direct Testimony of EAM Panel, page 27, lines 9–10.

¹⁴ New York Public Service Commission, Order Establishing the Benefit Cost Analysis Framework, Case 14-M-0101, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision, January 21, 2016, page 12. Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Benefit-Cost Analysis Handbook, Version 1.1, August 30, 2016, page 17.

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under ideal market, implementation, and customer preference conditions and an appropriate regulatory framework.¹⁵

3 Third, like most energy efficiency potential studies of this nature, the 2014 Potential 4 Study understates the full potential for efficiency savings for several methodological 5 reasons. The 2014 Potential Study accounts for only technologies that are currently 6 available, and it does not recognize the potential for new, more efficient technologies in 7 the future. The study does not account for the fact that the costs of efficient technologies 8 tend to decline over time. The 2014 Potential Study does not account for the synergies of 9 offering multiple measures to customers, such as in whole-building retrofit programs, 10 which can increase customer engagement and increase the savings per customer. The 11 study does not account for innovative program designs, such as upstream buy-down 12 programs, that can dramatically increase measure adoption and reduce efficiency costs.

Q. Please explain why Company's 2016 ETIP efficiency savings should not be used to set the efficiency savings target.

First, as described above, the EAMs are intended to encourage a utility to go well beyond the historical level of energy efficiency savings. The 2016 ETIP efficiency savings are well below the amount of savings the Company achieved in 2015 and 2016, especially in the later years, as indicated in Figure 1.

Second, the Company's ETIP efficiency programs are limited in scope, and they could be
 expanded considerably. CHG&E's ETIP focuses largely on promoting energy efficient

¹⁵ Applied Energy Group, *Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company Energy Efficiency Potential Study*, Final Report, May 3, 2016, page 41. *Emphasis added*.

1 lighting but neglects several market segments that are commonly targeted in other 2 jurisdictions. Just to name a few, the ETIP fails to address new construction, 3 comprehensive retrofits, multi-family buildings, or retro-commissioning. There is far 4 more efficiency savings that the Company can achieve in these areas. 5 Q. Please explain how the Company's efficiency savings targets are well below the 6 savings achieved by other utilities. 7 A. Efficiency savings as a percent of retail sales is a commonly used metric to compare 8 efficiency savings across utilities and across states. It provides an indication of the 9 magnitude of efficiency savings relative to the size of the utility, in terms of retail sales. 10 Figure 2 presents efficiency savings as a percent of sales for actual savings achieved in 2016 for the 15 leading states, including New York State.¹⁶ It also includes the actual 11 12 efficiency savings for CHG&E in 2016, and the Company's minimum and maximum efficiency savings goals for 2018 through 2021. 13 14 As indicated in Figure 2, the Company's minimum and maximum efficiency savings 15 targets are well below the level of savings that many states have already been able to 16 achieve. This is inconsistent with the Commission's directives in the REV proceeding to 17 make New York a leader in developing efficient and clean energy resources.

¹⁶ American Council for and Energy-Efficient Economy, 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, September 2017, page 29.

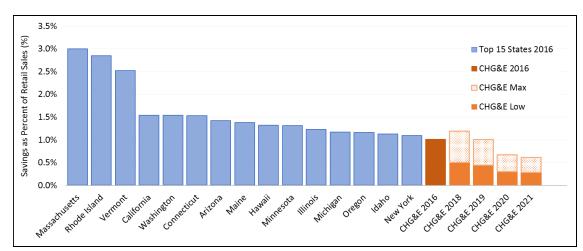


Figure 2. The Company's savings targets relative to historical savings from other utilities



Q. The information for other utilities in Figure 2 is for 2016 only. Is it reasonable to expect the Company's future efficiency savings (for 2018 through 2021) to match or exceed these historical levels?

A. Yes. Several states expect to continue achieving high levels of efficiency savings over the next several years. Figure 3 presents future efficiency savings targets from the recent efficiency plans in Vermont, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, and compares them with the Company's efficiency savings targets.¹⁷

- 10 As indicated in Figure 3, the Company's minimum and maximum efficiency savings
- 11 targets are well below those of these leading states, even though these states have already
- 12 been achieving significantly greater savings than the Company in recent years.

¹⁷ Vermont Public Utilities Commission, Order Re: Development and Support Service Budgets, Evaluation Budgets, Other Program Budgets, Forecasts of Expected Savings, and Performance Targets, EEU-2016-03, October 12, 2017. Narragansett Electric Company, National Grid 2018–2020 Energy Efficiency and System Reliability Procurement Report, RIPUC Docket No. 4684, August 30, 2017. Massachusetts electric and gas utilities, Massachusetts Joint Statewide Three-Year Electric and Gas Energy Efficiency Plan, October 30, 2015.

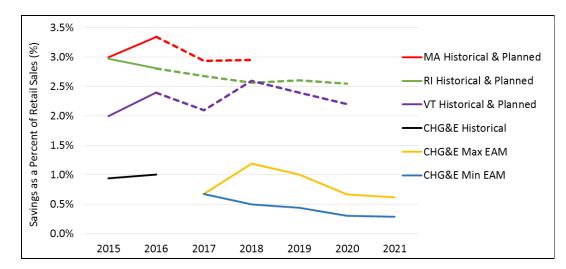


Figure 3. The Company's Savings Targets Relative to Future Savings Targets of Other States

3 The Role of Market-Based Efficiency Initiatives

4 Q. Please describe the role that market-based initiatives can play in developing energy 5 efficiency resources in New York.

6 A. The Commission has been clear throughout the REV process that it seeks to promote a

7 "transition toward elevating market opportunities for greater achievement at lower cost to

8 customers."¹⁸ The Commission has also been clear that efficiency incentives should

- 9 encourage "both targeted efficiency that is enabled by newly monetized value streams
- 10 and transactional platforms, and also efficiency implemented by customers and third-

11 party market participants with a reduced need for utility support."¹⁹

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¹⁸ New York Public Service Commission, Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework, Case 14-M-0101, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision, May 19, 2016, page 79.

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1		Market-based efficiency initiatives can take a variety of forms, each involving different
2		degrees of utility involvement. As described in the Energy Efficiency Procurement and
3		Markets Report, energy efficiency resources can be procured through standard offers,
4		requests for proposals, auctions, and energy efficiency credits. ²⁰ Efficiency resources can
5		also be developed as a result of other initiatives driven by customers and third-party
6		market participants, particularly if they are provided with proper price signals and
7		incentives.
8	Q.	Do the Company's EAM efficiency savings targets account for the potential savings
9		from market-based efficiency initiatives?
10	A.	No. This is a glaring omission in the Company's proposal, completely inconsistent with a
11		key directive from the Commission in the REV proceedings. The direct testimony of the
12		EAM panel does not even mention market-based efficiency opportunities anywhere.
13	Q.	The Company's proposal also includes a "cost per kWh" metric to encourage the
14		reduction in energy efficiency resource costs. Does this help promote market-based
15		efficiency initiatives?
16	A.	No. First, the direct testimony of the EAM panel does not refer to market-based
17		initiatives as a means for reducing the cost per kWh, suggesting that the Company has not
18		considered that option.
19		Second, the cost-per kWh metric might encourage the Company to reduce the cost of
20		efficiency savings, but it does not provide incentive to increase the magnitude of

²⁰ Energy Efficiency Procurement and Markets Report, prepared by the Efficiency Procurement and Markets Working Group of the Clean Energy Advisory Council, May 19, 2017, pages 15–34.

1		efficiency savings. In fact, the low energy efficiency savings targets proposed by the
2		Company essentially create a cap on the amount of efficiency savings on which it will be
3		allowed to earn incentives. Once the Company reaches the maximum efficiency savings
4		target, it will receive no further incentive for achieving additional efficiency savings,
5		including market-based efficiency savings.
6		Third, innovative market-based initiatives offer the potential for long-term cost
7		reductions, but may be more expensive in the short term. Thus, were market-based
8		initiatives ultimately included in the Company's EAMs and the cost-per kWh metric
9		applied to them, they could actually discourage the Company from transitioning from
10		existing programs to new market-based initiatives.
11		In sum, there is nothing in the Company's proposed efficiency EAM that will encourage
12		it to promote market-based efficiency initiatives.
13	Q.	Could outcomes-based EAMs be used to promote market-based efficiency
14		initiatives?
15	A.	Properly designed outcome-based EAMs could potentially provide a utility with some
16		incentive to promote market-based efficiency initiatives.
17		However, that is not the case with the Company's EAM proposal. The System Efficiency
18		(SE) EAM is designed to encourage the Company to reduce peak demand. The MW Peak
19		Load Reduction target is based on: the current non-wires alternatives program; the flat
20		peak load forecast; wholesale electricity market prices; AMI deployment; target

1		appliances; and customer profiles. ²¹ The Company expects to achieve this target through
2		its energy efficiency programs, distributed photovoltaic resources, other distributed
3		generation resources, and time-of-use rate enrollments. There is no mention of market-
4		base efficiency resources being used to meet the SE EAM.
5		In sum, the Company's outcome-based EAMs do not encourage the Company to promote
6		market-based efficiency savings.
7	Q.	What should the Company do if the market-based efficiency savings initiatives are
8		not as substantial or timely as expected?
9	A.	The Commission should be clear that the Company has the obligation to implement cost-
10		effective efficiency resources, and that the Company will be appropriately rewarded for
11		doing so. This means that the Company should optimize both its own energy efficiency
12		programs and market-based efficiency initiatives. The key issue is that the cost-effective
13		efficiency savings are obtained somehow, and that the Company should have the
14		incentive to make it happen at a low cost to customers. Otherwise, efficiency resources
15		will be forgone, electricity costs will be higher, and customers will pay higher bills than
16		necessary.
17		If the market-based resources are not as substantial or as timely as expected, then the

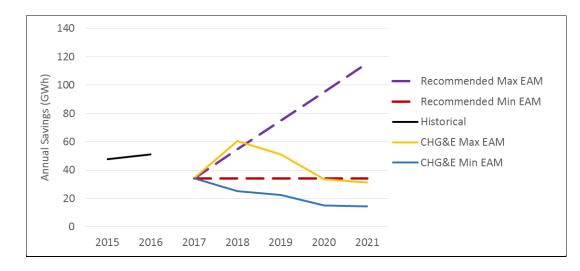
Company should make up the difference with its own energy efficiency programs.

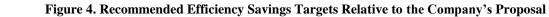
²¹ Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, pages 31–33.

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2	Q.	What do you recommend regarding the EE EAM savings targets?
3	A.	I recommend that the Commission establish new energy savings targets that are
4		considerably higher than the Company's proposal. The new targets should reflect
5		efficiency savings that are higher than historical savings, incremental to the ETIP savings
6		levels, reflect the potential for market-based efficiency initiatives, and reflect the
7		Commission's directives in the REV proceedings to promote increased efficiency and
8		reductions in carbon emissions.
9	Q.	How should the minimum energy savings targets be determined?
10	A.	I recommend that the minimum energy savings targets be set at the 2016 and 2017 ETIP
11		savings levels of 34 GWh. This sends an important signal to the Company that it must
12		achieve levels of energy efficiency savings at least as high as recent experience before it
13		can earn efficiency incentives, and that it must do so at least through 2021.
14	Q.	How should the maximum energy savings targets be determined?
15	A.	I recommend that the maximum energy savings targets be based on the assumption that
16		the Company can increase its energy efficiency savings by 0.4 percent per year,
17		beginning in 2018 and continuing through 2021. This ramp rate is similar to ramp rates
18		achieved by other leading utilities in recent years. Also, the maximum savings target for
19		2021 reaches 115 GWh, which is roughly 2.3 percent of retail sales. This is a reasonable
20		goal to reach within four years, particularly given the priority that the Commission has
21		given to energy efficiency resources in the REV process.

1 <u>Recommendations Regarding the Efficiency Savings Targets</u>

Figure 4 indicates how my recommended minimum and maximum targets compare with
 those proposed by CHG&E.





Q. Are there any risks to the Company or the customers of including efficiency savings targets that turn out to be too high?

7 A. No. If the efficiency savings targets turn out to be too high, and the Company cannot 8 achieve them, then the Company will earn less incentive than it otherwise would have. 9 Customers will not be harmed in any way. On the other hand, if the efficiency savings 10 targets turn out to be too low, and the Company achieves them easily without 11 implementing some of the efficiency resources, then the Company is unduly rewarded, 12 cost-effective efficiency resources are forgone, and customers will pay higher costs as a 13 result. 14 In sum, the Company faces no risk either way. While the customers have no risk if the

15 targets are too high, they do face the likelihood of higher costs if the targets are too low.

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1 5. THE EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE AMOUNTS

2	The C	Company Should Be Rewarded for Increased Levels of Efficiency Savings
3	Q.	Please summarize the Company's proposal for the amount of incentives it can earn
4		from the energy efficiency EAM.
5	A.	The Company proposal includes the following elements for each year from 2018 through
6		2021:
7		• The total maximum incentive for the energy efficiency EAM is 30 basis points.
8		• The maximum incentive for the energy savings portion of the EAM is 15 basis
9		points. The maximum incentive for the cost per kWh portion of the EAM is also
10		15 basis points.
11		• If the Company achieves its minimum energy savings target, then it will be
12		awarded 5 basis points. If the Company achieves its maximum energy savings
13		target, then it will be awarded the full 15 basis points.
14		• If the Company achieves energy savings that are somewhere between the
15		minimum and maximum targets, then it will be awarded an amount based on a
16		linear interpolation between the minimum and maximum awards.
17	Q.	Do you agree with the Company's efficiency incentive proposals?
18	A.	I agree with many elements of the Company's proposal. However, I recommend that it be
19		modified slightly to account for my recommendations regarding the savings targets.
20		Also, I recommend that the maximum efficiency savings target is not used as a cap on the
21		potential efficiency incentives. If the Company can achieve additional cost-effective

1	efficiency savings beyond the maximum target, then it should be rewarded for doing so.
2	In fact, it should be encouraged to do so.
3	I recommend the following:
4	• If the Company achieves my recommended minimum energy savings target, then
5	it will be awarded 5 basis points.
6	• If the Company achieves my recommended maximum energy savings target, then
7	it will be awarded 30 basis points.
8	• If the Company achieves energy savings that are somewhere between my
9	recommended minimum and maximum targets, then it will be awarded an
10	incentive amount based on a linear interpolation between the minimum and
11	maximum awards.
12	• If the Company achieves energy savings that are higher than my recommended
13	maximum target, then it will be awarded an incentive amount based on a linear
14	extrapolation of the line between the minimum and maximum award amounts.
15	The total amount of the incentive for energy savings should be capped at 50 basis
16	points.
17	• The cost per kWh metric and incentive amount should remain unchanged, with a
18	maximum incentive of 15 basis points.

1 <u>Multiple Incentives for Energy Efficiency</u>

2	Q.	Please explain how the Company's proposal will allow the Company to earn
3		multiple incentives for the same energy efficiency savings.
4	А.	The Company has proposed that the energy savings from its energy efficiency programs
5		be used as part of the targets for the CO ₂ EAM, the System Efficiency EAM, and the
6		DER Utilization EAM. ²² This means that for each MWh saved by its energy efficiency
7		programs, it will earn financial incentives four times; for the EE EAM and for the other
8		three EAMs.
9	Q.	Is this a problem with the Company's EAM proposal?
10	A.	Not necessarily. It may be appropriate for a utility to earn multiple incentives for certain
11		outcomes, such as energy efficiency savings. It is important, however, to ensure that the
12		total magnitude of incentives that is earned for one particular initiative such as energy
13		efficiency is not unduly high.
14	Q.	What do you recommend regarding the multiple incentives proposed by the
15		Company?
16	A.	At a minimum, the Commission should recognize the potential for receiving multiple
17		incentives for efficiency savings when setting the efficiency savings targets. This means
18		the efficiency savings targets should be fairly aggressive and challenging so that the

²² Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, pages 17, 33, and 48.

1		Company is not provided a large amount of incentives for a modest level of effort and
2		efficiency savings.
3		In addition, the Commission should consider the potential for receiving multiple
4		incentives for EE energy savings when allocating basis points to the SE, CO ₂ , and DER
5		EAMs. The Commission may wish to reduce the basis points allocated to these other
6		EAMs, in recognition of the fact that the Company will be earning multiple incentives for
7		energy efficiency.
8	6. FU	UNDING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES
9	Q.	Is the Company proposing that it be provided with funding to support its energy
10		efficiency programs?
11	A.	Yes. The Company is proposing that it be allowed to collect any additional funding above
12		the level of ETIP funding, as long as the incremental efficiency savings have a benefit-
13		cost ratio of greater than one. The Company requests that these incremental expenditures
14		be recovered through the existing Energy Efficiency Tracker surcharge. ²³
15	Q.	Do you agree that the Company should be allowed to recover funding to achieve
16		efficiency savings beyond the ETIP savings?
17	A.	Yes. The Company needs to have sufficient funding to invest in efficiency resources, just
18		as it requires sufficient funding to invest in other types of electricity resources. While
19		market-based efficiency initiatives might help to reduce the cost of efficiency resources,
20		some amount of funding will be necessary regardless of whether the efficiency savings

²³ Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Direct Testimony of the Earnings Adjustment Mechanism Panel, page 28.

1		come from the Company's programs or from the market. As long as the efficiency
2		resources are cost-effective, the up-front investments will be more than offset by long-
3		term cost reductions.
4	Q.	Do you agree that the Company should be allowed to recover these incremental
5		expenditures through the Energy Efficiency Tracker?
6	A.	Yes. This surcharge provides the Company with certainty that it will be able to recover
7		efficiency program investments. It also offers flexibility for the Company to modify
8		program budgets over time in response to changing customer demand and market
9		conditions, without running the risk of providing the Company with too much or too little
10		funding.
11	7. E	NERGY EFFICIENCY PLANNING AND COORDINATION
12	Q.	Please describe the role of energy efficiency planning and coordination for the
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Experience has demonstrated that energy efficiency savings targets, and energy
 efficiency plans in general, are most effective when developed through a formal, central,
 statewide planning process with robust commission and stakeholder input. Several
 northeastern states that lead the country on energy efficiency savings have demonstrated
 the value of this approach. For example:

6	•	Rhode Island. Since 2008, Rhode Island efficiency programs have been overseen
7		by the Energy Efficiency Resource Management Council (EERMC), which is
8		composed of stakeholders representing a variety of interests. The EERMC has
9		funding to hire expert consultants, and it works closely with National Grid, the
10		primary utility in the state, to develop one-year and three-year energy efficiency
11		plans. ²⁴ In 2016, Rhode Island ranked second in energy efficiency savings, with
12		net incremental savings of 2.8 percent of retail sales. ²⁵

13 Vermont. The Vermont Public Utility Commission uses a Demand Resources • Plan (DRP) proceeding to establish budgets, performance targets, and monetary 14 15 performance incentives for each of the state's three energy efficiency utilities 16 (EEUs). The process takes approximately 18 months and sets the parameters for 17 the following three years. This proceeding involves the Department of Public 18 Service, the EEUs, and interested stakeholders such as distribution utilities, trade 19 associations, and environmental advocates. The EEUs work with the Department 20 and others to develop and model scenarios for the savings that can be achieved

²⁴ For more information see: https://rieermc.ri.gov/.

²⁵ American Council for and Energy-Efficient Economy, 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, September 2017, page 29.

1	with different budget levels or that prioritize different performance metrics.
2	Model results are shared amongst participants and subject to informal review. In
3	addition to the values for the coming three-year period, the DRP establishes
4	forecast budgets and savings for the rest of a 20-year period, so that both
5	efficiency and supply utilities can develop long-term plans. In 2016, Vermont
6	ranked third in energy efficiency savings, with net incremental savings of 2.5
7	percent of retail sales. ²⁶
8	• <u>Connecticut</u> . The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board (EEB) has 15 members
9	representing private and public entities that provide representation for residential,
10	business, agricultural, community, and municipal consumers. The EEB has 10
11	appointed voting members and five non-voting representatives from
12	Connecticut's electric and gas utility companies. The EEB evaluates, advises, and
13	assists the state's utility companies in developing and implementing
14	comprehensive, cost-effective energy conservation and market transformation
15	plans. ²⁷ In 2016, Connecticut ranked sixth in energy efficiency savings, with net
16	incremental savings of 1.5 percent of retail sales. ²⁸
17	• <u>Massachusetts</u> . Since 2008, Massachusetts efficiency programs have been
18	overseen by an Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) composed of
19	stakeholders representing a variety of government agencies, consumer advocates,

 ²⁶ American Council for and Energy-Efficient Economy, 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, September 2017, page 29.

²⁷ For more information see: https://www.energizect.com/connecticut-energy-efficiency-board.

²⁸ American Council for and Energy-Efficient Economy, 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, September 2017, page 29.

1		efficiency experts, and more. The utilities are responsible for preparing a
2		statewide efficiency plan, as well as individual efficiency plans based upon the
3		statewide effort, using consistent program designs and outreach efforts. The
4		EEAC provides significant guidance throughout the development of the efficiency
5		plans, and the DPU reviews and ultimately approves the plans. ²⁹ In 2016,
6		Massachusetts ranked first in energy efficiency savings, with net incremental
7		savings of 3.0 percent of retail sales. ³⁰
8		Statewide efficiency planning initiatives can also offer a variety of benefits in terms of
9		sharing lessons learned and best practices for efficiency resource design and
10		implementation. It allows utilities to provide consistent information, directions, and
11		incentives to customers, efficiency trade allies, distributors, vendors, energy service
12		companies, and other market players, many of whom are located in several utility
13		territories throughout the state. Statewide coordination also allows for economies of scale
14		and sharing of costs across utilities, for example, by pooling resources to hire evaluation,
15		measurement, and verification contractors to work statewide at lower cost than for each
16		utility.
17	Q.	Does this rate case allow for sufficient analysis and review of the Company's
18		proposed efficiency savings targets?

No, for several reasons. First, rate cases typically require the Commission and intervenors 19 A. to address many issues where the potential customer impacts are larger than the impacts 20

For more information see: http://ma-eeac.org/.
 American Council for and Energy-Efficient Economy, 2017 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard, September 2017, page 29.

of energy efficiency. Consequently, energy efficiency issues become secondary to other
 issues addressed in a rate case. This does not provide the Commission, the Commission
 Staff, or any of the intervenors sufficient time to evaluate, discuss, and resolve all the
 issues that are relevant for setting effective efficiency savings targets.

5 Second, setting efficiency savings targets in individual utility rate cases does not allow 6 for coordination or consistency between New York utilities. As noted above, statewide 7 efficiency planning offers a variety of benefits in terms of setting efficiency targets, 8 sharing best practices, and coordination across customers and other market players. These 9 potential benefits are lost by addressing efficiency in separate rate cases. Further, this 10 approach might require the Commission to work out the same issues multiple times, 11 instead of all at once. This might result in Commission findings and directives that are 12 inconsistent across utilities.

13 Third, rate cases tend to be contentious environments, where parties stake out and hold on 14 to initial positions, with little interest in addressing the positions or proposals of other 15 parties. In this setting, it is difficult to share lessons learned, develop best practices, or 16 cooperate towards developing optimal efficiency plans.

Fourth, rate cases do not allow for long-term efficiency planning or long-term regulatory guidance, because they occur on a three-year cycle. Implementing efficiency resources is a multi-year endeavor, and the most successful efficiency initiatives are based on longterm planning with consistent, long-term guidance from commissions and other state agencies. If efficiency targets, and EAMs in general, are only established for the three years of the current rate case, then the utility will be faced with uncertainty about the following years. This typically leads to less innovation and less aggressive efficiency
 initiatives.

Fifth, many stakeholders do not have the resources to intervene and participate in every utility rate case. Between paying for legal counsel, hiring expert witnesses, attending all the relevant hearings, and participating in the settlement discussions, rate cases can be an expensive endeavor. If this level of effort is required for each of the major electric and gas utilities in the state, then meaningful participation becomes out of reach for many efficiency stakeholders.

Sixth, the settlement process that is frequently used to resolve rate cases in New York,
and the corresponding lack of specific findings and directives from the Commission, limit
the ability of the Commission to articulate clear and consistent regulatory policy guidance
on this important resource. Setting energy efficiency savings targets through settlements
severely limits the Commission's ability to provide guidance on how efficiency resources
should be used to meet state energy policy goals.

15 Seventh, New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA)

16 plays a critical role in implementing energy efficiency resources throughout New York

17 state, particularly regarding low-income efficiency programs. Optimizing efficiency

18 resources across the state requires close coordination and consistent practices between

19 NYSERDA and the investor-owned utilities. Addressing critical utility energy efficiency

20 planning issues in individual rate cases creates barriers to this type of coordination.

1	Q.	The Commission has encouraged the New York utilities to seek market-based
2		approaches to obtain increased energy efficiency savings. Is there a role for
3		planning and coordination if utilities are increasingly relying upon market-based
4		energy efficiency initiatives?
5	A.	Yes. The benefits of coordinated, statewide efficiency planning are potentially even
6		higher as utilities increasingly rely upon market-based efficiency initiatives. Coordination
7		could facilitate the development of market-based efficiency initiatives by providing
8		consistency, predictability, and stability for energy efficiency vendors and other
9		efficiency market players. This point was emphasized in the recent Energy Efficiency
10		Procurement and Markets Report, which noted that the PSC:
11		could send clearer market signals by establishing a centralized and unified
12		process to decide EE procurement funding rules, targets, and performance
13		incentives out to 2030. Such a unified process would be easier for market
14		actors to follow. ³¹
15		In a coordinated, statewide efficiency planning process, the Commission could solicit
16		representatives from efficiency vendors, energy service companies, trade allies, and other
17		market players to participate in setting the efficiency savings targets and identifying the
18		lowest cost opportunities for achieving those savings. As discussed below, one of the
19		biggest problems with the Company's proposed efficiency savings targets is that they do
20		not account for the potential for market-based efficiency savings. This problem could be

³¹ Energy Efficiency Procurement and Markets Report, prepared by the Efficiency Procurement and Markets Working Group of the Clean Energy Advisory Council, May 19, 2017, page 10.

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addressed with robust input from market players, which would be much more feasible and likely through a single, statewide planning process.

3 Q. Is there any role for rate cases to play in designing and implementing EAMs?

4 A. Yes. There are two very important roles that rate cases can play in designing and 5 implementing EAMs. First, rate cases can be used to determine the magnitude of the 6 incentive payments that the utilities can earn from the EAMs. This question can fit 7 naturally in a rate case, where similar information regarding utility revenues and returns 8 is readily available, and where similar decisions regarding utility incentives are made. I 9 recommend that the initial magnitude of the incentive payments be determined as part of 10 the statewide efficiency planning process, for statewide consistency purposes, and that 11 the final amounts be determined and awarded to the Company through the rate case 12 process.

Second, rate cases should be used to provide a mechanism for utilities to pay for
investments to meet the efficiency savings targets established in the statewide process.
Sufficient funding for energy efficiency resources will be essential, regardless of whether
the resources are developed by the utilities or are market-based. This point was also
emphasized in the recent Energy Efficiency Procurement and Markets Report, which
recommended that the PSC:

19Develop a clear framework for funding energy efficiency procurement that20recognizes its value as an operational and carbon reducing resource... In21addition, some members of the Working Group stress that size of funding is

1		also extremely important if New York wishes to cultivate a large and growing
2		EE market. ³²
3	Q.	What do you recommend regarding the process for setting utility energy efficiency
4		targets in New York?
5	A.	I recommend that the Commission establish a central, statewide energy efficiency
6		planning process that allows for robust and effective Commission and stakeholder input.
7		Energy efficiency savings targets and other long-term efficiency planning decisions
8		should be coordinated through this central process, rather than being addressed piecemeal
9		and inconsistently in utility rate cases.
10		I recommend that the Commission articulate the key goals of this statewide planning
11		process, which should include: (a) identifying the full potential for cost-effective energy
12		efficiency resources in New York; (b) identifying the procurement mechanisms that will
13		be used to implement those resources; (c) establishing statewide and utility-specific
14		efficiency savings targets; (d) articulating the roles and responsibilities of NYSERDA,
15		the utilities, customers, and third-party efficiency providers for achieving those targets;
16		(e) providing third-parties and market developers with sufficient support to facilitate a
17		robust development of market-based efficiency resources; and (f) ensuring that the
18		combined energy efficiency initiatives will achieve the state's efficiency and carbon
19		goals.

³² Energy Efficiency Procurement and Markets Report, prepared by the Efficiency Procurement and Markets Working Group of the Clean Energy Advisory Council, May 19, 2017, page 10.

1 The statewide planning process should ensure meaningful and robust stakeholder input. 2 This process should build on, and improve upon, the Clean Energy Advisory Council 3 (CEAC) process currently in place. This statewide efficiency planning process should 4 include at least the following elements: (a) broad representation of relevant stakeholders; 5 (b) management of the process by a party that is independent of the utilities; (c) clearly 6 defined rules and protocols for management, membership, participation, communications, 7 and preparation of materials; (d) clearly defined practices for making resolutions, taking 8 positions, or making recommendations; (e) clearly defined practices for bringing 9 resolutions, positions, or recommendations to the Commission, with an opportunity for 10 the Commission to make findings on them; and (f) frequent, periodic meetings and 11 conference calls, with all agendas and relevant materials provided well in advance. 12 This statewide efficiency planning process should build on, and be closely coordinated 13 with, the utilities' distribution system implementation planning process. The Commission 14 should require utilities to identify all cost-effective energy efficiency resources in their 15 DSIPs, based upon all the different mechanisms that might be used to procure them. It is 16 essential that each utility forecast and assess the full range of efficiency resources that 17 might be implemented in their service territory, regardless of the method used to procure 18 those resources or the entity that implements them. Otherwise, the utility will overbuild 19 its distribution system and incur higher costs than necessary.

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Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes, it doe

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Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston, MA. Commissioner, 2007 – 2011.

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