

Dear New York Public Service Commission,

I'm writing to strongly encourage the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve ConnectDER and Tesla's petition in Case 24-E-0526 and direct New York's utilities to promptly establish an approval process for meter socket adapters (MSAs).

Low-cost, easy-to-install technologies like MSAs are essential to making clean energy more accessible to and affordable for all New Yorkers. Many homeowners who seek to adopt solar, energy storage or electric vehicles have main service panels that cannot accommodate the proposed project, often requiring costly and time-consuming custom electrical work to upgrade their home's electrical service panel. MSAs can eliminate the need for these costly upgrades, reducing installation costs by hundreds or even thousands of dollars, reducing installation time by streamlining electric work, and improving the overall homeowner experience. As noted in the petition, enabling DER installers or other qualified contractors to install, maintain, and service MSAs is vital for effectively serving customers on projects where MSAs add value.

MSAs are a proven technology. Con Edison has implemented an MSA pilot program, and neighboring states such as New Jersey have required all utilities to allow for the use of MSAs. We are eager to apply this proven solution in New York State. The process proposed by ConnectDER and Tesla is practical and effective, and we encourage the Commission to establish clear timelines to facilitate the widespread availability of safe, reliable MSAs in New York.

Improving New York's interconnection process for small DERs and electric vehicles is essential to achieving the state's ambitious clean energy goals. Creating a pathway for widespread MSA adoption will support this outcome while lowering costs for New York customers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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