

# National Gas Policy Institute

Over the summer, Assemblywoman Paulin attended the National Gas Policy Institute, a conference held by the National Conference of State Legislators. The conference, held in Pittsburgh, included a tour of a combined heat and power (CHP) operation at Duquesne University as well as a visit to Braskem America's Technology and Innovation Center which makes components used in various plastic products.



## REV Highlights:

In April 2014, the Public Service Commission (PSC) initiated the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceeding. The stated goal of this proceeding is to create a cleaner, more efficient and affordable energy system that can meet the demands of New York's changing energy landscape.

## Community Choice Aggregation

The PSC authorized Westchester County to set up the first Community Choice Aggregation pilot program in the state. This program enables municipalities to pool together a large number of residents and solicit bids from energy service companies on the residents' behalf, resulting in greater use of alternate energy sources and lower energy costs for consumers.

## Shared Renewables

The PSC also opened a case to authorize a Shared Renewables Program, also known as Community Net Metering. This would enable customers, who cannot install renewable energy systems on their property due to physical limitations or their status as renters, to share in a solar or wind energy facility and receive benefits on their utility bill.

**Assemblywoman Paulin wants to hear your views on the issues and is also available to help you with concerns or questions:**

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Dear Neighbor,  
As Chair of  
the Assembly  
Standing

Committee on Energy, I  
am eager to share with  
you an overview of various  
energy issues important  
to ratepayers. I have also  
included some energy saving  
tips for homeowners.

Sincerely,

Amy R. Paulin  
Chair, Committee on Energy

## Reduce heat loss in your home this winter

Before winter arrives, take some time to check your home for drafts and air leaks that cause heat loss. These simple steps from the U.S. Department of Energy will help you save energy:

- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months.
- Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty.
- Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes, gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Visit: <http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips> for more information and tips.



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