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Comment: NYSERDA, As a transplanted Floridian I am in shock as to what New Yorkers have allowed their utilities to get away with. Floridians heat their houses, water, clothes dryers and food almost exclusively with Electricity and usually for less than \$200 a month for a family of four. A recent contrast of cost per KWH showed that my Greene County, NY provider is charging in excess of 43% more than my old supplier in Clay County, FL. The disparity has been as much as 60% in the past. Tens of thousands of NY households burn oil and wood to avoid the prohibitively expensive option of heating with Electricity. This is a shame since the electric power generators, whether they burn coal, oil or gas, will ultimately be more efficient and cleaner than the combined contributions of all these households. Please study the Florida system and adopt. This includes taking ownership of the state's transmission lines, promoting cooperatives as suppliers, reducing fuel taxes, and capping prices to the end users. Your effort has failed if our monthly bills are not decreased by 50%. Thank you, Cole Peterson

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