When Herbert Dym learned natural gas service was available at his home in Poughkeepsie, he didn't jump at the chance to switch from fuel oil. He had replaced his oil heating system only three years ago, and he was mostly satisfied with its performance. He was not satisfied, however, with the cost. "I was paying $4.34 per gallon for fuel oil, which was part of the ceiling contract," he explained, "but the problem was I was hitting the ceiling every year."

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The lower fuel price is not the only advantage. Dym remarked that the new unit is cleaner, quieter and more energy efficient than the fuel oil heating system. "Not only am I using a lower-cost fuel but I'm getting better use of the BTUs available," he said. "I have a lot less heat going up the flue now."

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Dym used Central Hudson’s turnkey option for switching to natural gas, which includes a top-quality contractor. He said the installer was knowledgeable and that the new boiler keeps the whole house comfortably warm, even during the coldest winter nights. "I also had the boiler connected to the radiant heat in the bathroom," Dym said. "It's beautiful. I love it."

To switch to natural gas, visit www.CentralHudson.com/SimplyBetter or call (845) 452-2700 and select option #5.