

New STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
New York on June 25, 2018

COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

John B. Rhodes, Chair

CASE 18-E-0130 - In the Matter of Energy Storage Deployment  
Program.

ORDER ACCEPTING DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT AS COMPLETE

(Issued and Effective June 25, 2018)

INTRODUCTION

On February 26, 2018, Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) requested that the Secretary to the Public Service Commission (Commission) institute a proceeding to comply with the newly enacted Public Service Law (PSL) §74.<sup>1</sup> PSL §74 directs the Commission to establish a 2030 State target for the installation of qualified energy storage systems and an energy storage deployment program to support such target. Proposed legislation to amend the existing PSL §74 passed both the Senate and the Assembly houses of the New York State Legislature on

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<sup>1</sup> PSL §74(2) directs "[w]ithin 90 days of the effective date of this section, the commission shall commence a proceeding to establish the energy storage deployment program to encourage the installation of qualified energy storage systems."

June 20, 2018.<sup>2</sup> To achieve this mandate, Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) and staff from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have been engaged in an energy storage study and analysis, the New York State Energy Storage Roadmap and Department of Public Service / New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Staff Recommendations (Roadmap).<sup>3</sup> This Staff whitepaper identifies and analyzes a number of storage "use cases" and makes specific recommendations regarding actions that the Commission may make to encourage the installation of qualified energy storage systems.

#### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) was prepared analyzing the probable environmental impacts related to the potential actions under consideration and the means available to minimize any that are adverse. The GEIS considers impacts of implementing the Roadmap recommendations, from deployment of 1,500 MW of qualified energy storage systems by 2025 to a range of alternative capacity levels reached by 2030. If a capacity target higher than 3,600 MW of incremental energy storage deployment is adopted, additional potential environmental impacts shall be analyzed. As required by 6 NYCRR

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<sup>2</sup> Bill No. S07318A (same as A08921-A) requires the Commission to establish an energy storage deployment policy by December 31, 2018 in consultation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Long Island Power Authority. Bill No. S08602A (same as A11099) requires the Commission to also consult with the New York Independent System Operator when developing the 2030 energy storage goal and deployment policy, and requires that all energy storage deployment policy procurements be awarded through a competitive process.

<sup>3</sup> The Roadmap was filed in Case 18-E-0130 on June 21, 2018.

617.9(a)(3), the Draft GEIS will be posted to the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB), the official publication of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and public comments may be submitted to the Commission on or before July 27, 2018, per the Notice of Completion of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement.

It is ordered:

1. The Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft GEIS) prepared in connection with proposed actions by the Commission regarding the Energy Storage Roadmap and Department of Public Service / New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Staff Recommendations is accepted as complete.

2. Written comments on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted if received at the Commission's Albany office on or before the close of business on Friday, July 27, 2018.

3. A Notice of Completion of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement, including the deadline for public comments, and a Notice of Determination of Significance shall be issued and filed by the Secretary to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of the SEQRA regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and in substantial conformance with the Appendix attached hereto.

4. In the Secretary's sole discretion, the deadlines set forth in this order may be extended. Any request for an extension must be in writing, must include a justification for the extension, and must be filed at least one day prior to the affected deadline.

5. This proceeding is continued.

(SIGNED)

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Commissioner