

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
Albany on September 12, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John B. Rhodes, Chair  
Gregg C. Sayre  
Diane X. Burman  
James S. Alesi

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINAL GENERIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS COMPLETE

(Issued and Effective September 12, 2018)

BY THE COMMISSION:

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.

On June 21, 2018, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff filed the New York State Energy Storage Roadmap and DPS / NYSERDA Staff Recommendations (the Roadmap). The Roadmap

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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."

outlines the market-supported policy, regulatory, and programmatic actions necessary to achieve the State's near-term energy storage installment goals, and recommendations for the Commission to consider when designing the energy storage deployment program per PSL §74. Broadly, the recommendations are separated into seven categories: (1) retail rate actions and utility load management programs, (2) investor-owned utility roles and business models, (3) direct procurement, (4) market acceleration bridge incentives, (5) cross-cutting actions to reduce barriers, (6) "clean peak" actions, and (7) wholesale market actions. The Roadmap specifically supports the state's initiative to deploy 1,500 megawatts (MW) of energy storage by 2025 and a secondary energy storage deployment target for 2030 pursuant to PSL §74.

In compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Commission prepared a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) assessing the environmental impacts of recommended Roadmap activities. On June 25, 2018, Chair Rhodes accepted the Draft GEIS as complete.<sup>2</sup> The Secretary published the Draft GEIS, the Notice of Completion of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and the Notice of Determination of Significance on June 25, 2018.

The Positive Declaration and Notice of Acceptance of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement were published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on July 11, 2018. The minimum 30-day public comment period provided for the Draft GEIS ended on August 10, 2018. No comments were received on the Draft GEIS. By this Resolution, the Commission accepts the attached Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement as complete.

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<sup>2</sup> On July 13, 2018 the Commission issued a confirming order of the One-Commissioner Order.

The Commission orders:

1. The Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement prepared in connection with proposed Commission actions in the Roadmap is accepted as complete.

2. A Notice of Completion of Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement and the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement shall be issued and filed by the Secretary in accordance with the Appendix attached here, and a Notice of Acceptance of Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement shall be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.

3. This proceeding is continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL GENERIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(Issued                    )

NOTICE is hereby given that the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission), as lead agency, has issued a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Final GEIS) in connection with proposed actions by the Commission regarding the establishment of a 2030 State target for the installation of qualified energy storage systems and programs pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) §74. The address of the lead agency is Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. The Final GEIS has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (i.e., State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)). The proposed actions are classified as "unlisted actions" pursuant to SEQRA and would likely be located throughout New York State.

On June 21, 2018, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff filed the "New York State Energy Storage Roadmap and Department of Public Service/ New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Staff Recommendations" (the Roadmap), which outlines the market-supported policy, regulatory, and programmatic actions necessary to achieve the State's near-term energy storage installment goals and recommendations for the Commission to consider when designing the energy storage deployment program per PSL §74. Broadly, the

recommendations are separated into seven categories: (1) retail rate actions and utility load management programs, (2) investor-owned utility roles and business models, (3) direct procurement, (4) market acceleration bridge incentives, (5) cross-cutting actions to reduce barriers, (6) "clean peak" actions, and (7) wholesale market actions. The Roadmap specifically supports the State's initiative to deploy 1,500 MW of energy storage by 2025 and a secondary energy storage deployment target for 2030 pursuant to PSL §74. The Final GEIS has been prepared in order to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed actions from the Roadmap.

Copies of the Final GEIS are available to the public at the Commission's Albany office at Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350 (Central Files, 14th Floor) and at the Commission's New York City Office at 90 Church Street, New York, NY 10007-2919 (Central Files, 4th Floor). An electronic copy of the Final GEIS is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov> For additional information contact John Garvey, New York State Department of Public Service, 90 Church Street, New York, New York 10007 at (212) 417-2200.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary