

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 14-M-0101 - In the Matter of Reforming the Energy Vision.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued January 7, 2015)

On April 25, 2014, the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an order instituting the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceeding, stating its intention to align electric utility practices and the Commission's regulation with technological advances that have created alternate ways to meet electricity demand. Specifically, the Commission is considering a new business model for energy service providers where distributed energy resources (DER) -- such as distributed generation, storage, energy efficiency and demand response -- become a primary tool in the planning and operation of the electric system. The Commission identified six policy objectives supporting this effort: to enhance customer knowledge and tools to enable customers to manage their energy bills; to animate the market and leverage ratepayer contributions; to promote system-wide efficiency; to increase fuel and resource diversity; to enhance system reliability and resiliency; and to reduce carbon emissions.

The REV instituting order designated two tracks for this proceeding. In Track One, the Commission is considering the role of distribution utilities in enabling system-wide efficiencies and market-based deployment of DER and load management. The Commission envisioned a Distributed System Platform (DSP) provider that would manage and coordinate DER so as to provide a market in which customers are able to optimize their priorities with respect to reliability, cost and sustainability. Track One was also designated for the consideration of wholesale market issues and opportunities for customer engagement. Track Two was reserved for the regulatory changes and ratemaking issues that will be necessary to implement the REV vision.

Track One began with a tremendous collaborative process in which working groups tackled issues related to market structure, platform technology, wholesale markets, microgrids and customer engagement. Parties submitted written comments on various policy questions. A public symposium (May 2014) and two technical conferences before the Commission (June 2014 and November 2014) were held on Track One issues. On August 22, 2014, the Staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (Staff) issued a straw proposal entitled "Developing the REV Market in New York: DPS Staff Straw Proposal on Track One Issues." The straw proposal made numerous recommendations that the Commission will be considering in the context of a Track One Order in this proceeding, including, among others, the identity of the DSP, the extent to which electric utilities will be permitted to engage in the DER market, access to customer data and the role of utility energy efficiency programs. Parties filed comments and reply comments on the straw proposal, and the Commission now seeks further public comment on these Track One issues.

TAKE NOTICE that additional opportunities for public information and comment will be held, as follows:

**Syracuse**

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

**The Oncenter**

**800 South State Street, Syracuse, New York 13202**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session**

**7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing Begins**

**Buffalo**

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**

**Buffalo Central Library**

**1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203**

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Information Session**

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session**

**3:00 PM & 7:00 PM Public Statement Hearings Begin**

**New York City**    **Tuesday, February 3, 2015**  
Borough of Manhattan Community College  
199 Chambers Street, New York, New York 10007

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM    Information Session  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM    Information Session  
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM    Public Statement Hearings Begin

**Kingston**            **Wednesday, February 4, 2015**  
Council Chambers  
City Hall  
420 Broadway, Kingston, New York 12401

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM    Information Session  
7:00 PM                Public Statement Hearing Begins

**Albany**                **Thursday, February 5, 2015**  
State University of New York at Albany  
Page Hall  
135 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM    Information Session  
7:00 PM                Public Statement Hearing Begins

In the hour prior to each Public Statement Hearing, representatives from Staff will present an information session on what the REV initiative means for customers and be available to answer questions. The information sessions will be immediately followed by Public Statement Hearings where all those wishing to comment on REV and the straw proposal will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing, to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings and will be posted on the Commission's website.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

The Staff straw proposal may be reviewed on the Commission's website, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by selecting "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" at the top of the page and then, under "Related Documents" near the bottom of the page, selecting "August 22, 2014 - DPS Staff issues REV Straw Proposal." Public comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, but parties are encouraged to comment on Track One policy issues at one of the Public Statement Hearings, or by other means described below, prior to February 10, 2015. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission.

#### **Other Ways to Comment**

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 14-M-0101."

**Via the Internet or Mail:** The public may submit comments electronically to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov), or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments also may be entered directly into the case file from the Commission's website, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by clicking "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" at the top of the page and then clicking "Submitting Comments" near the middle of the page. Written comments may be read on the

website by searching Case 14-M-0101 and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Commission.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary