

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
Albany on May 19, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Audrey Zibelman, Chair  
Patricia L. Acampora  
Gregg C. Sayre  
Diane X. Burman

- CASE 15-E-0302 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard.
- CASE 14-M-0101 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision.
- CASE 14-M-0094 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Consider a Clean Energy Fund.
- CASE 13-M-0412 - Petition of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to Provide Initial Capitalization for the New York Green Bank.
- CASE 10-M-0457 - In the Matter of the System Benefits Charge IV.
- CASE 07-M-0548 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding an Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard.
- CASE 03-E-0188 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Regarding Retail Renewable Portfolio Standard.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FINAL GENERIC SUPPLEMENTAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS COMPLETE

(Issued and Effective May 23, 2016)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 25, 2014, the Commission instituted a proceeding to align electric utility practices and the regulatory paradigm with technological advances in information management

and power generation and distribution, a policy initiative referred to as the "Reforming the Energy Vision" or REV program. Likewise, on May 8, 2014, the Commission instituted a related proceeding to consider the establishment of a "Clean Energy Fund."

In compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Commission prepared a Generic Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the probable environmental impacts related to the potential actions under consideration in the REV and Clean Energy Fund proceedings and their effect on the other interrelated clean energy programs.<sup>1</sup> In its February 26, 2015 Order in the REV Proceeding, the Commission instituted a REV large-scale renewable (LSR) track.<sup>2</sup> On June 1, 2015, a new proceeding was established to receive all filings related to the large-scale renewable track.<sup>3</sup> On January 21, 2016, the Commission expanded its ongoing review of the renewable energy programs to include consideration of implementing a new Clean Energy Standard mandating that 50 percent of all electricity consumed in New York by 2030 be supplied by renewable resources, and the establishment of a support mechanism under the Clean Energy Standard to sustain the operations of eligible nuclear facilities, as major sources of emissions-free power, separate from the renewable energy goal.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Cases 14-M-0101 et al., Reforming the Energy Vision, Resolution Accepting Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement as Complete (issued February 6, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Case 14-M-0101, supra, Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan (issued February 16, 2015), at p. 83.

<sup>3</sup> Case 15-E-0302, Large-Scale Renewable Program, Notice Instituting Proceeding, Soliciting Comments and Providing for Technical Conference (issued June 1, 2015).

<sup>4</sup> Case 15-E-0302, supra, Order Expanding Scope of Proceeding and Seeking Comments (issued January 21, 2016).

The Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) accepted by the Commission as complete on February 6, 2015 did not evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the scope of actions necessary to achieve the new Clean Energy Standard goals as well as the new support mechanism to sustain the operations of eligible nuclear facilities. The proposed supplemental actions by the Commission involve the design and implementation of programs to: (a) achieve a goal that 50 percent of all electric energy consumed in New York by 2030 be supplied by renewable resources; (b) support the construction of new electric generating facilities in New York State utilizing renewable resources; (c) prevent premature closure of certain nuclear energy electric generating facilities; and (d) promote the progress of REV market objectives.

The proposed actions are "unlisted actions" as classified pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law [State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)] and would be located throughout the geographic area of the State of New York. The Commission is the "lead agency" for the purposes of environmental impact review pursuant to SEQRA and has previously determined that the proposed actions may have an adverse impact on the environment such that an environmental impact statement should be prepared before completing the environmental impact review.<sup>5</sup> The Commission has also previously accepted as complete a Draft GSEIS which was issued for public comment. A Notice of Completion of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement was issued on February 24, 2016 and the Draft GSEIS was filed by the Secretary in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617. The Notice of Completion of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement was also published

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<sup>5</sup> Case 14-M-0101, supra, Notice of Determination of Significance (issued May 8, 2014).

in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on March 2, 2016. The minimum 30-day public comment period provided for the Draft GSEIS ended on April 1, 2016. Written comments were received from seven entities, including four parties to the proceeding.

The Commission resolves:

1. The Final Generic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final GSEIS) prepared in connection with proposed actions by the Commission regarding establishing a Clean Energy Standard (CES), and including establishing within the CES a support mechanism to sustain the operations of nuclear energy electric generating facilities as major sources of emissions-free electricity, is accepted as complete.

2. A Notice of Completion of Final Generic Supplemental 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 the Notice of Acceptance of Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement will be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB).

3. These proceedings are continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL GENERIC  
SUPPLEMENTAL 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 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final GSEIS) in connection with proposed actions by the Commission regarding establishing a Clean Energy Standard (CES), and including establishing within the CES a support mechanism to sustain the operations of nuclear energy electric generating facilities as major sources of emissions-free electricity. The address of the lead agency is Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. The Final GSEIS has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law [State

Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)]. The proposed actions are "unlisted actions" as classified pursuant to SEQRA and would be located throughout the geographic area of the State of New York.

Copies of the Final GSEIS 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 GSEIS is also available on the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>. For additional information contact Christina Palmero, New York State Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350 at (518) 474-1612.

The proposed actions by the Commission supplement other actions already being considered to align electric utility practices and the regulatory paradigm with technological advances in information management and power generation and distribution, a policy initiative referred to as the "Reforming the Energy Vision" or REV program, and the institution of a Clean Energy Fund program. The proposed supplemental actions by the Commission involve the design and implementation of programs to:

- (a) achieve a goal that 50 percent of all electric energy consumed in New York by 2030 be supplied by renewable resources;
- (b) support the construction of new electric generating facilities in New York State utilizing renewable resources;
- (c) prevent premature closure of certain nuclear energy electric generating facilities; and
- (d) promote the progress of REV market objectives.

The Final SGEIS has been prepared in order to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with establishing a Clean Energy Standard (CES), and including establishing within

CASES 15-E-0302, et al.

the CES a support mechanism to sustain the operations of nuclear energy electric generating facilities as major sources of emissions-free electricity.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary