



CASE 24-M-0433 - In the Matter of the Rules and Regulations for the Environmental Review, Permitting, and Siting in this State of Major Renewable Energy Facilities and Major Electric Transmission Facilities Under the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment Act.

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS

(Issued January 14, 2025)

New York State recently enacted the Renewable Action Through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act, which consolidates the environmental review, permitting, and siting of major renewable energy facilities and major electric transmission facilities under the purview of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (Office or ORES). Among other things, the RAPID Act authorizes ORES, in consultation with the Department of Public Service (Department or DPS) and subject to approval by the Public Service Commission (Commission), to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the new siting permit program for major electric transmission facilities established by the RAPID Act.

**Prior Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Acceptance of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement, Public Comment Period, and Public Comment Hearings:**

On December 18, 2024, ORES issued a notice of proposed rulemaking, acceptance of draft generic environmental impact statement, public comment period, and

public comment hearings (notice). The notice stated that pursuant to the provisions of the article 2 of the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA) and Public Service Law §§ 3-c, 138, 139, and 145, ORES proposes to repeal the current 16 NYCRR Part 1100 (Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission), and replace it with a new Part 1100 (General Procedures), Part 1101 (Major Renewable Energy Facility Siting), and Part 1102 (Major Electric Transmission Facility Siting). The purpose of the rulemaking is to establish procedural rules and uniform standards and conditions for the siting, design, construction, and operation of major renewable energy generation and electric transmission facilities. The notice also stated that DPS, by and through ORES, as lead agency, has completed and accepted a draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) in connection with the proposed rulemaking. The DGEIS was prepared pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (Environmental Conservation Law article 8 [SEQRA]) and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR part 617. The DGEIS was prepared to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the new siting permit program for major electric transmission facilities established by the RAPID Act.

The notice scheduled eleven in-person public comment hearings at six locations around the State, and two virtual public comment hearings to be conducted via the Webex electronic webinar platform, to receive comments from the public on the proposed rulemaking and DGEIS. The notice also established **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, as the deadline for the filing of written comments on the proposed rulemaking and DGEIS.

Copies of the notice, with instructions on how to participate in the in-person and virtual hearings and file written public comments, the express terms of the proposed rulemaking, and the DGEIS are available from the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, W.A. Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12226. Electronic copies of the notice, express terms of the proposed rulemaking, and the DGEIS are available online at the Department of Public Service webpage by going to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering "24-M-0433" in the "Search by Case Number" field.

**Notice of Additional In-person Public Comment Hearings:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT additional in-person public comments hearings on the proposed rulemaking and DGEIS will be held as follows:

**Region:** Central New York  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Senator John H. Hughes State Office Building  
Main Conference Room  
333 East Washington Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202

**Region:** Long Island (Suffolk County)  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Stony Brook University  
Charles B. Wang Center Theater  
100 Nicholls Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11794

**Region:** Southern Tier  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Broome County Public Library  
Decker Room  
185 Court Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901

**Region:** Hudson Valley  
**Date:** Thursday, February 27, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Town of Poughkeepsie Town Hall  
One Overocker Road  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

**Region:** North Country (Plattsburgh)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** SUNY Plattsburgh  
106 Angell College Center, 2d Floor  
Warren Ballroom  
101 Broad Street  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

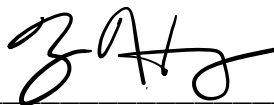
To ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) may limit the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes per person. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. The

public comment hearings will be transcribed for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

The hearing locations are reasonably accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Interpreter services will be made available to deaf persons, and English language translator services will also be made available, at no charge for either service, upon written request to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds, Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, ores.hearings@dps.ny.gov. All requests must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. two weeks before the scheduled hearing.

In the event that an in-person public comment hearing needs to be canceled, rescheduled, postponed, or conducted virtually, notification of any change will be available at the ORES website at <https://dps.ny.gov/ores>.

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