

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
Albany on March 19, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Rory M. Christian, Chair  
James S. Alesi  
David J. Valesky  
John B. Maggiore  
Uchenna S. Bright  
Denise M. Sheehan, recusing  
Radina R. Valova

CASE 16-M-0411 - In the Matter of Distributed System  
Implementation Plans.

ORDER MODIFYING FILING DEADLINES

(Issued and Effective March 20, 2026)

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTRODUCTION

On December 5, 2025, the Joint Utilities submitted a petition requesting that the Public Service Commission (Commission) modify the filing cadence for the Distributed System Implementation Plans (DSIPs) (the Petition).<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Petition requests that the Commission move the next filing date for the DSIPs from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and reset the biennial cadence based on the reset date (i.e., DSIPs would be due every two years after June 30, 2027).

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<sup>1</sup> The Joint Utilities consist of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R), and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E).

For the reasons discussed below, the Commission approves the Petition in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

The REV Order stated that, “[t]he modernization of distribution systems must be accomplished in a way that meets and balances a variety of policy objectives . . . .”<sup>2</sup> Recognizing that in order for this to occur customers would need to have access to utility information, the REV Order directed the filing of DSIPs.<sup>3</sup> At the time of the REV Order, the DSIPs were to include a proposal for capital and operating expenditures to build and maintain distributed system platform (DSP) functions, and information needed by third parties to plan for effective market participation.<sup>4</sup> However, the REV Order directed Department of Public Service (DPS) staff, in consultation with the Joint Utilities and other interested parties, to issue detailed guidance regarding the contents of the DSIPs.<sup>5</sup>

Consistent with the directives in the REV Order, DPS staff filed the Guidance Proposal to provide greater detail with respect to the DSIP filing process and the contents of the DSIP filings.<sup>6</sup> The 2016 Order adopted DPS staff’s Guidance Proposal.<sup>7</sup> Of note, the 2016 Order established a filing cadence and

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<sup>2</sup> Case 14-M-0101, Reforming the Energy Vision, Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan (issued February 26, 2015) (REV Order), p. 31.

<sup>3</sup> REV Order, p. 32.

<sup>4</sup> REV Order, p. 32.

<sup>5</sup> REV Order, p. 130.

<sup>6</sup> Case 16-M-0411, DPS Staff Proposal Distributed System Implementation Plan Guidance (filed October 15, 2015) (Guidance Proposal).

<sup>7</sup> Case 16-M-0411, Order Adopting Distributed System Implementation Plan Guidance (issued April 20, 2016) (2016 Order).

indicated that updated DSIP filings are required every two years.<sup>8</sup> The Commission considered modifications to the DSIP filings in the 2017 Order, although none of these modifications were related to the filing cadence.<sup>9</sup>

The Joint Utilities have submitted several requests for extensions of time related to their obligation to file biennial DSIPs.<sup>10</sup> In the 2024 Request, the Joint Utilities stated that they "will seek from the Commission a permanent reset of the filing cadence for DSIP Updates after this immediate concern is resolved."<sup>11</sup> The Secretary to the Commission acknowledged this in a ruling on the request for an extension of time.<sup>12</sup>

Additionally, in the Grid of the Future Order, the Commission has signaled that there will be changes to the DSIP filings in the future.<sup>13</sup> Notably, the Grid of the Future Order directed DPS staff to prepare an initial Grid of the Future Plan "with a focus on the development of a more expansive DSIP process that is aligned with the goals set forth in this

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<sup>8</sup> 2016 Order, p. 9; Ordering Clause 4 stated that the Joint Utilities "shall file subsequent Distributed System Implementation Plans on a biennial basis beginning June 30, 2018."

<sup>9</sup> Case 16-M-0411, Order on Distributed System Implementation Plan Filings (issued March 9, 2017).

<sup>10</sup> Case 16-M-0411, Request for an Extension (filed March 18, 2022); Case 16-M-0411, Request for an Extension (filed September 26, 2022); Case 16-M-0411, Request for Extension of Time (filed February 5, 2024) (2024 Request); Case 16-M-0411, JU Request for Extension of Time Regarding DSIP Updates (filed February 4, 2026).

<sup>11</sup> 2024 Request, p. 2.

<sup>12</sup> Case 16-M-0411, Ruling on Extension Request (issued February 7, 2024).

<sup>13</sup> Case 24-E-0165, Grid of the Future, Order Instituting Proceeding (issued April 18, 2024) (Grid of the Future Order).

proceeding.”<sup>14</sup> The Commission also called for a subsequent Comprehensive Grid of the Future Plan which “must recommend new and/or revised requirements for future DSIP content and the DSIP process to better align with the grid’s evolving needs.”<sup>15</sup>

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA) §202(1), a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the State Register on January 14, 2026 [SAPA No. 16-M-0411SP12]. The time for submission of comments pursuant to the Notice expired on March 16, 2026. No comments were received in response to the Notice.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Public Service Law (PSL) grants the Commission the legal authority to prescribe the system planning efforts and filings required by this Order. Specifically, PSL §5(1) grants the Commission jurisdiction over the sale or distribution of electricity. Additionally, §5(2) permits the Commission to “encourage all ... corporations subject to its jurisdiction to formulate and carry out long-range programs, individually or cooperatively, for the performance of their public service responsibilities.”

Pursuant to §65(1), every electric corporation must safely and adequately “furnish and provide [electric] service, instrumentalities, and facilities.” Section 66(1) extends general supervision to electric corporations having authority to maintain infrastructure “for the purpose of ... furnishing or transmitting electricity.” Pursuant to §66(2), the Commission

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<sup>14</sup> Grid of the Future Order, p. 14.

<sup>15</sup> Grid of the Future Order, p. 16.

may "examine or investigate the methods employed by ... Corporations ... in manufacturing, distributing, and supplying ... electricity," as well as "order such reasonable improvements as will best promote the public interest ... and protect those using ... electricity." Accordingly, the Commission has the jurisdiction over the electric utilities affected by this Order to require them to comply with the requirements outlined herein.

#### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The Joint Utilities filed the latest version of the DSIPs on June 30, 2025.<sup>16</sup> However, because these were technically the DSIPs that were due on June 30, 2024, the next filing date in the original biennial cadence is June 30, 2026. Regarding the request that the next DSIP update be due June 30, 2027, rather than June 30, 2026, the Commission finds this request to be reasonable. Therefore, the Commission directs each member of the Joint Utilities to file a DSIP no later than June 30, 2027.

As was discussed at length in the 2016 Order, the biennial reporting timeframe for DSIPs strikes a balance with information volume and value. Therefore, the Commission directs the Joint Utilities to return to the biennial filing cadence; with the next due date for the DSIPs being June 30, 2027, and the following DSIPs due June 30, 2029, and continuing on a biennial reporting period thereafter.

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<sup>16</sup> Case 16-M-0411, 2025 Central Hudson Distributed System Implementation Plan (filed June 27, 2025); Case 16-M-0411, NYSEG and RG&E 2025 DSIP Report (filed June 30, 2025); Case 16-M-0411, Con Edison 2025 Distributed System Implementation Plan (filed June 30, 2025); Case 16-M-0411, O&R 2025 DSIP June 30 2025 (filed June 30, 2025); Case 16-M-0411, National Grid 2025 DSIP Update (filed July 1, 2025).

The Commission orders:

1. The requests related to the filing dates of the distributed system implementation plans outlined in the Petition are approved.

2. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation shall file a distributed system implementation plan no later than June 30, 2027.

3. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation shall file individual distributed system implementation plans no less frequently than biennially beginning in 2027.

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 three days prior to the affected deadline.

5. This proceeding is continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary