



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 EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

(Issued March 7, 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 established Tuesday, March 18, 2025, as the deadline for the filing of written comments on the proposed rulemaking and DGEIS. Although the State Administrative Procedure Act requires only a 60-day public comment period on proposed regulations, ORES established a 90-day public comment period to ensure that stakeholders, including municipalities, had adequate time to review and file substantive written

comments. To ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to respond to the proposed regulations and DGEIS in a meaningful fashion, the deadline for comments is being extended an additional thirty days.

**Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the deadline for the filing of written comments on the proposed rulemaking and DGEIS has been extended to **Friday, April 18, 2025**. Comments should be submitted by **close of business, April 18, 2025**, and should refer to Case 24-M-0433.

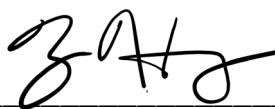
Persons filing written comments are strongly encouraged to post their comments on the Department's Document and Matter Management (DMM) system. To post a comment, go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "24-M-0433" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and click on "Post Comments" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

Persons unable to post comments electronically may mail their comments to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, and reference Case 24-M-0433. All comments must be postmarked no later than April 18, 2025. Comments mailed to the Office will be posted on the Department's DMM and will be included in the official record of the matter.

**Document Availability:** Copies of the express terms of the proposed rulemaking and 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 express terms of the proposed rulemaking and 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.

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