

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 25-M-0248 - In the Matter of the 2026-2030 Non-Low- to Moderate-Income Energy Efficiency and Building Electrification Portfolios.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued September 24, 2025)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that comments are requested by **November 10, 2025**, on the Upstate and Downstate Regional Residential Weatherization program proposals that were filed in this proceeding in August of 2025. The Upstate Utilities filed their proposal on August 13, 2025, and supplemented it on August 28, 2025, while the Downstate Utilities filed their proposal on August 13, 2025.¹

The Regional Residential Weatherization program proposals were filed in response to the Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order Authorizing Non-Low- to Moderate-Income Energy Efficiency and Building Electrification Portfolios for 2026-2030, issued May 15, 2025, in this proceeding. This Order set forth guidelines for the Upstate and Downstate Utility filings that have been summarized by Department of Public Service staff in the Appendix that is attached to this Notice.

¹ The Upstate Utilities are Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. The Downstate Utilities are Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid, and The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY.

Comments on the proposals should reference "Case 25-M-0248" and should be submitted by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), entering "25-M-0248" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then clicking on the "Post Comments" box located at the top of the page. Comments must indicate whether they are directed towards the Upstate regional program proposal, the Downstate regional program proposal, or both. Those unable to file electronically may mail their comments to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350; however, electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged.

All comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website. However, comments received after the November 10, 2025 deadline may not be considered by the Commission.

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Marc Carpenter at Marc.Carpenter@dps.ny.gov or by telephone at (518) 486-2865.

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Secretary

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Summary of guidelines for the Upstate and Downstate Utility filings, prepared by Department of Public Service staff:

- Upstate Regional Residential Weatherization Program to be administered/funded by the Upstate Utilities serving small residential homes.
- Downstate Regional Residential Weatherization Program to be administered/funded by the Downstate Utilities serving small residential homes and multifamily buildings.
- Regional approach tailored to each Region's building stock characteristics with statewide consistency, where possible.
- A consolidated approach for the procurement of certain program administration and implementation functions to achieve economies of scale and maximize the impact of ratepayer funds and reduce total costs to ratepayers for program implementation.
- Functions such as application intake and review, incentive processing, quality assurance and quality control, and installer/contractor management should be streamlined through a shared services model that provides for needs regionally, or statewide.
- The proposal should put forth which functions will be procured in a consolidated or shared manner versus those that will be contracted for individually. For those contracted by each individual utility, a justification must be provided detailing the benefit to ratepayers for taking such an approach.

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- Electric utilities serving as the primary lead for the program with gas utilities supporting the program through direct customer outreach/marketing and providing financial support for the installed measures and a pro rata share of implementation/evaluation costs.
- Incentives offered through the program shall not be greater than those offered to Low- to Moderate-Income customers for similar measures/work scopes. The proposal(s) must articulate a process to ensure this differentiation and coordination on an ongoing basis.
- Detailed approach for how the residential weatherization program offering will be coordinated with building electrification incentives offered through NYS Clean Heat.
- Defined graduated tiers of weatherization levels for differentiated incentive levels, balancing an ideal program model with simplicity of incentive program design to optimize customer participation while also driving much greater weatherization uptake.
- The Administrative structure that will be used to enable efficient collaboration among the utilities in implementing the Regional Weatherization Programs and with NYSERDA in leveraging the roles the Commission has assigned to NYSERDA. This may include, but not be limited to, a joint management committee structure.
- Annual and total budgets and projected savings.

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To the extent the Upstate and Downstate Utilities maintain that it is in the best interests of New York's collective ratepayers and the customers the program is intending to serve to alter these guidelines, the Program Administrators must justify such an alternative approach within their proposals.