

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 21-E-0629 - In the Matter of the Advancement of Distributed Solar.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued October 17, 2024)

On January 5, 2024, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) filed a report entitled "NY-Sun Program: Impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Potential for Incremental Distributed Solar Capacity Beyond the 10 GW Goal" (Report). The Report, submitted in compliance with the Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order Adopting NY-Sun Mid-Program Modifications, issued on June 23, 2023, details (1) the federal guidance that has been issued to-date on the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, its impacts on the NY-Sun program, and NY-Sun program adaptations that have been and will be undertaken in response to that guidance, and (2) the incremental distributed solar capacity beyond the existing NY-Sun program target of 10 gigawatts (GW) that could be procured within the existing budget authorized for the NY-Sun program.

In the Report, NYSERDA, among other things, requested Commission approval to spend approximately \$346 million in surplus NY-Sun funding to support the attainment of incremental solar capacity beyond 10 GW, to benefit Low to Moderate Income (LMI) New Yorkers and residents of Disadvantaged Communities through the NY-Sun Solar Energy Equity Framework.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested stakeholders are invited to respond to the questions, prepared by Department of Public staff (Staff) and appended hereto, by **October 31, 2024**. Comments should be submitted electronically by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "File Search" (located under the

heading "Commission Files"), entering "21-E-0629" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then clicking on the "Post Comments" box located at the top of the page.

Those unable to submit comments 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, 12223-1350.¹ All comments received will be posted to the Department's website and will be part of the case record.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary

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ATTACHMENT

Please respond to the following Staff questions by October 31, 2024:

1. Do the proposed options for spending surplus NY-Sun funds set forth in the Report help to advance equitable access to solar energy for underserved New Yorkers? Why or why not?
2. Please identify alternative options, if any, for how surplus NY-Sun funds could be spent in order to create equitable access to solar energy.
3. Should consideration be given to how the surplus NY-Sun funds could be leveraged to create synergies with other ratepayer-funded programs that are intended to drive energy affordability and/or access to clean energy solutions in the LMI market segment (e.g., the Energy Affordability Program, Statewide Solar for All, and Energy Efficiency, Building Electrification, and EV Make Ready programs), to improve the collective impact of these programs with respect to increasing access to clean energy solutions, improving energy affordability, or delivering additional benefits? If so, how?