

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 26-E-0045 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to
Address Interconnection Reforms for Large
Loads.

NOTICE OF POSITIVE DECLARATION AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT SCOPE

(Issued September 18, 2026)

NOTICE is hereby given that a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) will be prepared in connection with the Public Service Commission's (Commission) proceeding to address interconnection reforms for large loads. The Commission, acting as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action may have an adverse impact on the environment within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The action contemplated is an "unlisted action" as defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Commission has completed and accepted a Draft Scoping Document for a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft Scope) in connection with its proceeding to address interconnection reforms for large loads. The Draft Scope has been prepared in accordance with SEQRA. The proposed action would be located throughout the geographic area of the State of New York.

The Commission proposes to reform interconnection policies for large load customers with the objectives of: (1) modernizing the interconnection process for all building loads; (2) improving transparency and predictability related to grid upgrades; (3) ensuring that data centers and similar facilities bear the costs they impose on the electric system; (4) providing for the continued reliability of the electric system; (5) developing programs and policies for the interconnection of

large loads that consider the objectives of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act; and (6) exploring ways in which new large electric loads could lead to downward pressure on rates for all customers. The contemplated GEIS will also assess the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of data centers in the State.

An electronic copy of the Draft Scope is available on the Department of Public Service's (Department) website at <http://www.dps.ny.gov>.

Comments on the Draft Scope will be accepted if they are filed with the Secretary to the Commission before 4:30 p.m. on October 20, 2026. Comments may be submitted by e-filing through the Department's Document Matter and Management System. Those unable to submit their comments electronically may mail their comments to The Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All comments submitted to the Secretary in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website.

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