

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 24-E-0676 - Petition of ConnectGen Chautauqua County LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Pursuant to Public Service Law Section 68, and for an Order Granting Lightened Regulation.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCING VIRTUAL  
PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

(Issued January 2, 2025)

Comments are requested concerning a December 3, 2024 petition filed by ConnectGen Chautauqua County LLC (ConnectGen). ConnectGen, pursuant to Section 68 of the Public Service Law, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, as well as lightened regulation as a wholesale electric generator for its proposed 270-megawatt solar electric generation facility with battery storage, known as the South Ripley Solar Facility, located in the Town of Ripley in Chautauqua County (the Project).

Construction and operation of the Project is subject to the terms and conditions of the Final Siting Permit issued by the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), pursuant to Executive Law §94-c.<sup>1</sup> The scope of the Commission's review of the petition filed in this proceeding will not duplicate the issues that were previously considered and decided by ORES.

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<sup>1</sup> Matter 21-00750, Application of ConnectGen Chautauqua County LLC for a 94-c Permit for the South Ripley Solar Project, a Major Renewable Energy Facility, Siting Permit for a Major Renewable Energy Facility (issued April 21, 2022).

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a virtual public statement hearing will be held before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Maureen F. Leary on:

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025  
**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**Electronic Access:** [meetny-gov.webex.com](https://meetny-gov.webex.com)  
**Event Number:** 2828 523 1071  
**Password:** Jan21-2pm

**Phone-Only Access:** +1-929-251-9612 US Toll  
(New York City)

**Access Code:** 2828 523 1071  
**Password:** 52621027

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the virtual public statement hearing.

**To participate electronically:**

This option is for participants who would like to make a statement and who will log in to the hearing electronically. Such participants may log in at the date and time indicated above by visiting [meetny-gov.webex.com](https://meetny-gov.webex.com), and clicking "Join Meeting" and providing all requested information. When logging in on the date and at the time of the hearing, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants opt to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require that participants enter their phone numbers.

To provide a statement, please use the Raised Hand icon located in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

**To participate by telephone:**

This option is for participants who would like to make a statement and who will participate by telephone only. On the date and at the time of the hearing, call-in participants should

dial **+1-929-251-9612** United States Toll (New York City) and enter the access code and phone-in password listed above.

To provide a statement, please press \*3 on your phone.

**To listen to the hearing without making a statement:**

To exercise this option, **(1)** access the hearing electronically by logging in to [meetny-gov.webex.com](https://meetny-gov.webex.com), enter the event number and password listed above, and click "Join Meeting" **or (2)** call **+1-929-251-9612** United States Toll (New York City) and enter the applicable access code and phone-in password, listed above.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The ALJ will call upon each person who has used the Raised Hand function or the \*3 telephone function. The hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to submit comments into the record. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker, as necessary, to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

**Other Ways to Comment**

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments. All comments should refer to "Case 24-E-0676" and **must be received by February 3, 2025.**

**Internet or Mail:** Go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "24-E-0676" (in the box labeled "Search by Case Number"), and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350.

All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to receive comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a virtual procedural conference will be held immediately following the public statement hearing. The conference will also be transcribed.

The principal purposes of the procedural conference are to identify any potential parties and provide interested persons an opportunity to present and explain any proposals regarding the procedures they believe should be followed in this case by the ALJ and Commission including, but not limited to,

whether any issues of fact are presented by the petition or whether public comments warrant an evidentiary hearing. Other procedural issues also may be addressed.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary