

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS
AND ANNOUNCING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

(Issued January 24, 2023)

On January 17, 2023, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS Staff) filed the "New York Sun Program - Mid-Point Review" (MPR Filing). The MPR Filing provides a review of, and recommendations on, the NY-Sun program administered by NYSERDA, in accordance with the directives of the Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order Expanding NY-Sun Program that was issued on April 14, 2022 (the NY-Sun Expansion Order).

The NY-Sun Expansion Order adopted a target of achieving 10 gigawatts (GW) of distributed solar deployment in New York State by 2030, and, inter alia, expanded and extended the NY-Sun program administered by NYSERDA to achieve that target. As part of the NY-Sun Expansion Order, the Commission directed NYSERDA and DPS Staff to file a formal mid-program review.

In accordance with the NY-Sun Expansion Order, the MPR Filing reviews the status of, and activity in, the NY-Sun program, and provides updated project cost estimates based on developer-reported data, utility-reported interconnection costs, international cost trends, and other market or policy factors impacting costs. Based on that review, DPS Staff and NYSERDA make several recommendations regarding the NY-Sun program, including: (1) granting NYSERDA flexibility to adjust its

Community Adder and Inclusive Community Solar Adder incentives to respond to dynamic market and policy conditions; (2) making no changes to the Value Stack compensation mechanism at this time; (3) expanding the eligibility requirements for the Prevailing Wage Adder; (4) authorizing NYSERDA to develop a new incentive adder for floating photovoltaic projects; (5) authorizing NYSERDA to modify the existing NY-Sun incentive payment structure for commercial and industrial projects by removing system production adjustments; and (6) amending the rules regarding consolidated billing to enable multiple Net Member Credit rates within a single community distributed generation project.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested entities are asked to submit comments on the MPR Filing by **April 10, 2023**. Comments should be submitted by e-filing through the Department's Document and Matter Management System (DMM) by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "Search," enter "Case 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 file electronically may mail their comments to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All comments filed with the Secretary will be posted on the Department's website, www.dps.ny.gov, and become part of the official case record. Information and instructions related to subscribing to the service list, or otherwise monitoring the status of this proceeding can found on the Department's website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with the NY-Sun Expansion Order, a Technical Conference will be held virtually via WebEx on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., for NYSERDA and DPS Staff to provide stakeholders an overview of the MPR Filing, and for stakeholders to provide

preliminary feedback. To join the technical conference, please use the following information:

Event address for attendees:

<https://nyserdany.webex.com/weblink/register/r957283ba72a3ba1cf11d9f8e22a6527b>

Event Number: 259 838 43561

Audio Conference: +1 646 992 2010 **Access Code:** 259 838 43561

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