

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 14-M-0101 - In the Matter of Reforming the Energy Vision.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued October 6, 2015)

In April 2014, the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) instituted the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) proceeding to align electric utility practices and the Commission's regulation with technological advances that have created alternate ways to meet electricity demand. REV envisions a new business model for energy service providers where distributed energy resources (DER) -- such as distributed generation, storage, energy efficiency and demand response -- become a primary tool in the planning and operation of the electric system. The Commission identified six policy objectives supporting this effort: to enhance customer knowledge and tools to enable customers to manage their energy bills; to animate the market and leverage ratepayer contributions; to promote system-wide efficiency; to increase fuel and resource diversity; to enhance system reliability and resiliency; and to reduce carbon emissions.

Following collaborative efforts, consideration of extensive written public comment and public statement hearings held at eight locations across the State, the first phase of this proceeding culminated in the Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan (Framework Order), issued by the Commission in February 2015. In the Framework Order, the Commission described a new approach to the electric system, where electric utilities act as Distributed System Platform (DSP) providers, coordinating DER so as to provide a market in which customers are able to optimize their priorities with respect to reliability, cost and sustainability. The

Commission expressly reserved issues related to the regulatory changes and ratemaking issues that will be necessary to implement the REV vision to a second phase of this proceeding.

On July 28, 2015, Staff filed a "White Paper on Ratemaking and Utility Business Models" (Ratemaking White Paper). The Ratemaking White Paper set forth proposed reforms for the utility business model, the ratemaking process, and rate design. In addition, options for assessing the costs and benefits of renewable and other resources were proposed by Staff. Comments from parties and the public will be considered by the Commission as it considers these proposals and moves forward with the REV initiative.

TAKE NOTICE that additional opportunities for public information and comment will be held at a second round of public statement hearings, as follows:

New York City **Tuesday, October 27, 2015**
New York University School of Law
Vanderbilt Hall - Tishman Auditorium
40 Washington Square South
Between MacDougal and Sullivan Streets
New York, New York 10012

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Information Session**
7:00 PM **Public Statement Hearing**

Westchester **Wednesday, October 28, 2015**
Yonkers Public Library
1500 Central Park Ave
Yonkers, New York 10710

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Information Session**
6:00 PM **Public Statement Hearing**

Buffalo

Wednesday November 4, 2015
Erie County Community College
City Campus Auditorium
121 Ellicott Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

Rochester

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Rochester City Hall
City Council Chambers
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

Kingston

Thursday November 12, 2015
Kingston City Hall
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

Binghamton

Tuesday November 17, 2015
Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, New York 13901

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

Syracuse

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Clary Middle School Auditorium
100 Amidon Drive
Syracuse, New York 13205

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Information Session
7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing

In the hour prior to each Public Statement Hearing, representatives from Staff will present an information session on the REV initiative, what decisions have been made, and what issues now face the Commission. Staff will lead discussions and be available to answer questions. The information sessions will be immediately followed by Public Statement Hearings where all those wishing to comment on any of these issues will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to be present at the start of the hearing, to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearings will be made for inclusion in the record of these proceedings and will be posted on the Commission's website.

Disabled persons 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 Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

The Framework Order and the Ratemaking White Paper, as well as the options paper on benefits and costs, may be reviewed on the Commission's website, www.dps.ny.gov, by selecting "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" near the center of the page and then locating the documents under the "Key Documents" tab. Public comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this

proceeding. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 14-M-0101."

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may submit comments electronically to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments also may be entered directly into the case file from the Commission's website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking "Reforming the Energy Vision (REV)" at the top of the page and then clicking "Submit Comments On-Line" at the top right of the page. Written comments may be read on the website by searching Case 14-M-0101 and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Commission.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary