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Public Hearings Scheduled for Clean Energy Standard: Governor Cuomo's '50 by 30' Proposal to Expand Renewable Power in NYS

Goal of Clean Energy Mandate: Fight Climate Change, Expand Renewable Power Sources to Meet Half of New York's Electricity Needs by 2030

ALBANY — The New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) today announced a statewide series of public statement hearings, starting May 10, to provide information and take public comments on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Clean Energy Standard.

Governor Cuomo directed the Public Service Commission to design and enact a new Clean Energy Standard mandating that 50 percent of all electricity consumed in New York by 2030 come from clean and renewable energy sources. The proposed Clean Energy mandate also includes a proposal to support emissions-free upstate nuclear power and provisions to ensure that the State meets its goal of 40 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050.

The mandate is part of Reforming the Energy Vision (REV), Governor Cuomo's strategy to create an energy system that is cleaner, more resilient and affordable for all New Yorkers. According to a benefits and cost analysis published last month, a Clean Energy mandate being developed by DPS staff would result in net benefits of nearly \$2 billion from reduced carbon emissions and the development of new renewable power projects. More information on the staff proposal is available [here](#). The Public Service Commission is expected to consider the staff proposal sometime this summer.

The hearings announced today are:

Binghamton: May 10, 2016

Binghamton City Hall
38 Hawley Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Town of Amherst: May 11, 2016

Harlem Road Community Center
4255 Harlem Road
Amherst, N.Y. 14226

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Rochester: May 12, 2016

Chili Town Hall
3333 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement
Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Albany: May 17, 2016

Colonie Town Hall
534 New Loudon Road
Latham, NY 12110

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Queens County: May 18, 2016

Knights of Columbus
333 Beach / 90th St.
Rockaway Beach, N.Y. 11693
12 p.m. Information Session
1 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Plattsburgh: May 18, 2016

Town of Plattsburgh Town Hall
151 Banker Road
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement
Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Syracuse: May 25, 2016

Liverpool Public Library
310 Tulip Street
Liverpool, NY 13088

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Manhattan: May 31, 2016

New York State Public Service Commission
Board Room, 4th Floor
90 Church Street
New York, NY 10007

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Suffolk County: May 17, 2016

Suffolk County Legislative Office Bldg.
Evans K. Griffing Bldg.
300 Center Drive
Riverhead, N.Y. 11901

12:30 p.m. Information Session
1:30 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Albany: May 17, 2016

Albany Law School
East Wing School / Room E211
80 New Scotland Ave.
Albany, N.Y. 12208

6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Nassau County: May 18, 2016

Nassau Co. Legislative Office Bldg.
1550 Franklin Ave.
Mineola, N.Y. 11501

6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Oswego: May 24, 2016

Oswego City Hall
13 West Oneida St.
Oswego, N.Y. 13126

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

Kingston: May 26, 2016

Kingston City Hall / Council Chambers
420 Broadway
Kingston, N.Y. 12401

2 p.m. Information Session
3 p.m. Public Statement Hearing
6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

6 p.m. Information Session
7 p.m. Public Statement Hearing

In order to make comments on the record, it is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or to be present with written material to speak at the hearing. Written materials will be accepted but they are not required of public speakers. 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.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the DPS'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.

Other Ways to Comment

Internet or Mail: In addition to speaking at the formal hearings, members of the public desiring to comment may submit written comments by sending them electronically to the Commission's Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail or delivery to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. Comments should refer to Case 14-M-0101.

Individuals may also submit comments electronically on the Commission's [website](#) by clicking the "Post Comments" button for case number 15-E-0302.

Toll-free Opinion Line: Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments for the cases referenced above.

Opinion-line comments are not transcribed but are summarized, with the summary reported to the Consumer Advocate and the Commission. Written comments may be accessed on the Commission's website by searching Case 14-M-0101 in the input box labeled "Search for Case Number" and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

About Reforming the Energy Vision

Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) is Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's strategy to lead on climate change and grow New York's economy. REV is building a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers by stimulating investment in clean technologies like solar, wind, and energy efficiency and generating 50 percent of the state's electricity needs from renewable energy by 2030. Already, REV has driven 600 percent growth in the statewide solar market, enabled over 105,000 low-income households to permanently cut their energy bills with energy efficiency, and created thousands of jobs in manufacturing, engineering, and other clean tech sectors. REV is ensuring New York State reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and achieves the internationally-recognized target of reducing emissions 80 percent by 2050. To learn more about REV, including the Governor's \$5 billion investment in clean energy technology and innovation, please visit www.ny.gov/REV4NY and follow us at @Rev4NY.