

Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Proceeding

The New York State Public Service Commission (“the Commission”) has initiated a process for developing and implementing a Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) to ensure that within 10 years at least 25% of the electricity purchased in New York State is generated from renewable sources.

Benefits of RPS

The development of an RPS provides an opportunity to lower air emissions, reduce wholesale prices, increase capacity, and increase customer choice by developing a more robust green power market in New York. An RPS has the potential to improve energy security and help diversify the State’s electricity generation mix. Also, there are economic development benefits to attracting renewable technology manufacturers and installers to New York State.

RPS Proceeding

An important step in the Commission’s proceeding is to gather input from a wide range of interested parties on how best to achieve the 25% RPS. Because the RPS proceeding impacts a broad range of industry, competitor and consumer advocate interests, the Commission established a collaborative effort for interested parties to identify and overcome obstacles to meeting the 25% RPS within 10 years.

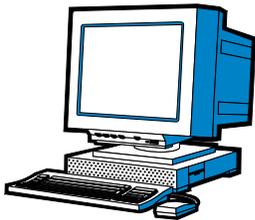
Issues Being Discussed

Key issues examined by the collaborative working groups include: eligible renewable resources; compliance mechanisms; methods for energy suppliers to procure renewable resources; and, the appropriateness of a renewable trading system. Also, there were discussions related to the appropriate methodologies for assessing the benefits and costs of RPS. The meeting agendas and notes of the collaborative working groups are available by visiting the Commission’s www.AskPSC.com Web site.

Comments and Opinions

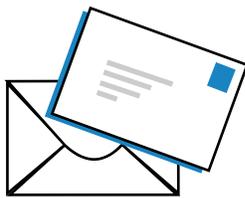
The public is encouraged to comment on the RPS initiative. Twice a year, consumers receive from their energy supplier environmental disclosure information about fuel sources used to generate the electricity they use and certain air emissions resulting from its production. The RPS proceeding is intended to increase and diversify New York State's generation capacity portfolio with electricity generated from renewable resources. Consumer input regarding their needs and evaluation of the RPS proposals and alternatives under consideration are integral to Commission deliberations in developing policies concerning alternative energy resources for the State. More information on how to comment on the RPS proceeding is available by visiting the Commission's www.AskPSC.com Web site.

How to Stay Informed



The Internet: Consumers can stay informed about the Renewable Portfolio Standard Proceeding by visiting the New York State Public Service Commission's www.AskPSC.com Web site. Consumers with questions or wishing to informally express their views concerning an RPS for New York may do so by filling out a Comment Form on the Commission's consumer Web site. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Toll-free Opinion Line: Consumers wishing to informally express their views on a Renewable Portfolio Standard for the State, may do so by calling the toll-free Opinion Line at **1-800-335-2120**. This phone line is set up to receive comments from in-state callers, 24-hours-a-day.



Participation: Anyone interested in seeking active party status can do so by writing to Administrative Law Judge, Eleanor Stein, New York State Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223. Active parties attend hearings and negotiations, and file legal briefs and formal comments. Letters seeking active party status should reference the "Renewable Portfolio Standard Proceeding" (Case 03-E-0188).

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