

About the Initiative:

The energy industry is in transition. Technological innovation and increasing competitiveness of renewable energy resources, combined with aging infrastructure, extreme weather events, and system security and resiliency needs, are all leading to significant changes in how electric energy is produced, managed and consumed. New York State must lead the way to ensure these trends benefit the State's citizens, whose lives are directly affected by how electric energy is manufactured, distributed, and managed.

On April 24, 2014 Governor Cuomo announced plans for a fundamental transformation in the way that electricity is distributed and used in New York State. To meet this challenge, the Public Service Commission commenced its Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) initiative to reform New York State's energy industry and regulatory practices.

REV is an energy modernization initiative that will fundamentally transform the way electricity is distributed and used in New York State.

REV will build a bridge to a cleaner, more efficient and affordable energy system by:

- Creating the power grid of the future and enabling customers to better manage and reduce their energy costs
- Focusing on system efficiency, total bills, carbon emissions, technology innovations, resiliency and competitive markets
- Addressing issues like rising electric bills, reliability, resiliency, emission reductions, jobs, and the low income "electric divide"

REV will help protect the environment, lower energy costs and create opportunities for economic growth.

A public proceeding will examine and evaluate regulatory reforms that would be implemented to shape the roles and responsibilities of the regulated utilities and retail markets. The case is proceeding on two tracks:

Track One is examining the role of distribution utilities in enabling market-based deployment of distributed energy resources to promote load management and greater system efficiency, including peak load reductions. Based on input from representatives of all sectors of the energy industry, environmental groups and representatives of consumers, Department of Public Service Staff developed a comprehensive proposal, dated August 22, 2014. Comments on that proposal should be submitted no later than September 22, 2014. Reply comments will be entertained until October 24, 2014.

Track Two, on a later timeline than the first track, will examine changes in current regulatory, tariff, and market designs and incentive structures to better align utility interests with achieving the Commission's policy objectives.

A report by Staff of the Department of Public Service and other materials pertaining to this case can be obtained from the Commission's website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "Search," and entering "14-M-0101" in the "Search by Case Number" field.

Role of Public Comment

The Public Service Commission takes public input into account in its decisions. To provide for full public input, the Commission has established numerous ways in which the public can comment.

Ways to Participate in this Proceeding:

- **Document and Matter Management System (DMM)** - Staying informed of activity is easy through the DMM System. As a registered user of the application you will be able to self-subscribe to the service or party list, submit comments and E-File.
 - Party List - Generally, parties commit to contribute to the development of a complete record in a proceeding by conducting discovery, submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments, and/or participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences and other formal events conducted in the case.
 - Service List - By subscribing to a service list for a case, a notification will be sent to you when a filing and/or issuance is entered in the case. Subscribers can request to receive “Commission Issuances Only” or “Filings and Commissions Issuances”. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission-issued documents by regular mail.
 - E-Filing - Electronic filing through the Department's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System provides for secure, fast and accurate processing of your filings (individual file size limit of 25 MB, up to 100 MB for the entire filing of both public and confidential documents). E-Filing is the preferred method of submission of filings.

For more information and step by step instructions visit:

How to Register with DMM: <http://tinyurl.com/DMM-Registration>

How to Subscribe to the Service List: <http://tinyurl.com/Service-List-Subscription>

Electronic Filing Registration Instructions: <http://tinyurl.com/Electronic-Filing-Registration>

- **Monitor the Case on Commission Website**- Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications can view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Commission in a given case are posted on the website. Filings received by individuals who are not a party are posted under the ‘public comments’ tab for the case.
- **Provide Comments via the Internet**- You may still submit a comment without becoming a DMM user or registered party: visit <http://tinyurl.com/submit-comments-only>. Many libraries offer free internet service.
- **Provide Comments In Writing**: Comments may be submitted by mail or delivery to, Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments should refer to “Case 14-M-0101 (Reforming the Energy Vision).”
- **Toll-Free Opinion Line**: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission’s toll-free 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 is provided to the administrative law judges who will report to the Commission and will be posted for public viewing on the Commission’s website, at www.dps.ny.gov. Callers should press “1” and select the choice for electric to leave comments about “Case 14-M-0101 (Reforming the Energy Vision).”

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