



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON
ENERGY and
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOB CREATION, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Potential obstacles to net-metering for residents and businesses

PURPOSE: The impact of electric corporation interconnection requirements on residents and businesses seeking to install net-electric metering equipment on their properties as well as the impact on renewable energy installers and manufacturers.

New York City

Friday
May 6, 2016
10:00 AM

Assembly Hearing Room
250 Broadway, Room 1923, 19th Floor

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

Public Service Law (PSL) allows for customers of an electric corporation who own or operate qualified solar, wind, farm waste, micro-hydroelectric, fuel cell and combined heat and power equipment (CHP) to receive credit for electricity produced against their usage. As of September 2015, approximately 340 megawatts of net-electric metering generation was connected to the six investor-owned utility systems under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission (PSC). Net-electric metering represents a substantial amount of New York's renewable energy portfolio. Recently, potential customer generators and installers have raised concerns that the interconnection process is too burdensome and that electric corporations do not interconnect installations in a timely manner. Additionally, building owners seeking to install combined heat (CHP) systems and agricultural operations seeking to install farm waste generating equipment have expressed concerns that utility standby charges make such projects cost prohibitive in the long-run. Disincentives to net-meter may impact the New York clean energy goals as well as the state's renewable energy industry, including installers and suppliers, impacting the state's clean energy economy. The committees seek to understand the impact of net-electric metering requirements on customers and businesses as well as explore any legislative solutions.

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