



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON
CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS;
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PROTECTION; ENERGY; AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The “Zero-Emissions Credit” Program Established by the Public Service Commission.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the hearing is to examine the Zero Emissions Credit Program and the subsidizing of nuclear power plants.

**March 6, 2017
10:00 AM
Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor
Albany, NY 12248**

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ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

On August 1, 2016, the New York State Public Service Commission approved the Clean Energy Standard (CES) (Case 15-E-0302), which established the goal of obtaining 50% of the state’s electricity from renewable sources by 2030. A component of the CES is the twelve-year “Zero-Emissions Credit” (ZEC) program. As a result of such program, in the first two years, 2017-2019, all New York energy consumers will pay a rate increase of \$965 million to subsidize four upstate nuclear power generating units owned by the Exelon Corporation (Fitzpatrick, Ginna, and Nine Mile units 1 and 2), with rates increasing as high as 10% for each two-year interval through the end of program. However, the process by which this program was approved has raised concerns.

This hearing is an opportunity for the Assembly Committees on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions; Consumer Affairs and Protection; Energy; and Environmental Conservation to explore how the Commission arrived at its decision. Specifically, the hearing will examine alternatives to the ZEC program, such as investing in renewable energy sources and conservation; hear from affected industries and advocates, such as large energy users and representatives of low-income ratepayers; and, discuss ways for the Commission to provide for more transparency and public involvement in a decision-making process of this scale and impact.

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