

## HELP COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE!

2015 was the hottest year in recorded history, as 2014 was before it. Climate change is the most pressing environmental, public health, economic, and social justice issue facing our planet. The direction in which New York must head is clear. To avoid the worst effects of climate change, we must keep fossil fuels in the ground and move swiftly to a clean energy future.

New York is considering a plan — the Clean Energy Standard — to move the state toward a new energy future. New York State will be holding hearings to get public input. You can help by submitting comments online or by attending one of the public hearings being held across the state and letting your voice be heard! Some key points to make at the hearings or online are below. Thank you.

### Take action today!

Submit a comment online:

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Comments/PublicComments.aspx?MatterCaseNo=15-e-0302>

Or attend a Clean Energy Standard public hearing near you (listed below — **\*\*UPDATE\*\*** Long Island and Queens hearings scheduled).

*Please consider these points when drafting your comment.*

In finalizing the Clean Energy Standard (CES), New York must:

- 1) Make it enforceable:** The CES must be enforceable, and it must create annual requirements on each utility to buy renewable energy. If they miss those requirements, there must be a fee.
- 2) Include offshore wind:** There is no way for New York to reach 50% renewable energy by 2030 without offshore wind. New York must make a long-term, large-scale commitment to offshore wind.
- 3) Include energy efficiency targets:** Energy efficiency is often the cheapest way of cutting climate pollution, and will help ratepayers save money.
- 4) Apply the program statewide:** The New York Power Authority and Long Island Power Authority are currently not covered by the CES, but must be included if New York is to meet its statewide goal of reducing carbon pollution 40% by 2030.
- 5) Not include nuclear:** Nuclear energy is not clean and should not be considered as part of the CES, nor should any funds for renewable energy be diverted to support New York's failing nuclear plants.

CES Public Hearing Schedule:

*Each public hearing involves two sessions: A 2:00 PM Information Session and 3:00 PM Public Statement Hearing followed by a 6:00 PM Information Session and 7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing (unless otherwise noted).*

**Binghamton:**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
Binghamton City Hall  
38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

**Amherst:**

Wednesday, May 11, 2016  
Town of Amherst, Harlem Road Community Center  
4255 Harlem Road, Amherst, NY 14226

**Rochester:**

Thursday, May 12, 2016  
Chili Town Hall  
3333 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624

**Albany:**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
2:00 PM / 3:00 PM Session: Colonie Town Hall  
534 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110  
6:00 PM / 7:00 PM Session: Albany Law School, East Wing School, Room E211  
80 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208

**NEW: Riverhead:**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016  
Afternoon: 12:30 PM Open House and 1:30 PM Public Statement Hearing  
Evening: 6:00 PM Open House and 7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing  
Suffolk County Legislative Building, Evans K. Griffing Building  
300 Center Drive South, Riverhead, NY 11901

**NEW: Rockaway:**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
\*\*12:00 PM Open House and 1:00 PM Public Statement Hearing only  
Knights of Columbus Rockaway Council  
333 Beach / 90th Street, Queens, NY 11693

**NEW: Mineola:**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
\*\*6:00 PM Open House and 7:00 PM Public Statement Hearing only  
Nassau County Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola, New York 11501

**Plattsburgh:**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
Town of Plattsburgh Town Hall  
151 Banker Road, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

**Oswego:**

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Oswego City Hall

13 West Oneida Street, Oswego, NY 13126

**Syracuse:**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Carman Community Room, Liverpool Public Library

310 Tulip Street, Liverpool, NY 13088

**Kingston:**

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Kingston City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

420 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

**Manhattan:**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

New York State Public Service Commission, Boardroom, 4th Floor

90 Church Street, New York, New York 10007

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