Tell New York State ***"It's Time to Pause the CLCPA!"***

(And Save Our Communities)

Stop Energy Sprawl (www.stopenergysprawl.org) has provided comments supporting the **Coalition for Safe and Reliable Energy**'s petition requesting a hearing on suspending or modifying the CLCPA targets.

The CLCPA targets for 2030 are based on a ***technology goal*** -- **not an environmental goal** (and they're making the electric grid less reliable and more expensive) **!**

These targets put our communities **at risk** by mandating poorly-performing large-scale wind and solar facilities that will **overrun hundreds of thousands of acres of high-quality farmland and forest**, **imperil fisheries and shorelines**, **destroy agriculturally-based, maritime, and tourism-based economies**, and severely **damage community character, historic sites,** and the quiet enjoyment of our homes and communities, as well as the value of those residences and communities.

The State uses the **RAPID Act** to implement these wind & solar goals. New York State **r*outinely places out-of-state and foreign developers ahead of its own citizens*** and **stomps on communities' Home Rule and self-determination** by overriding nearly every local law the developers ask them to.

*** Help us fight back for your community and all our communities! ***

1. Go to this link at the Department of Public Service website: https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Comments/PublicComments.aspx?MatterCaseNo=15-E-0302 .
2. Enter your **name**, **address**, and **email address**.
3. Copy and paste the *message below* into the **comments** field (feel free to modify or add information about projects in your town)
4. Click the "I understand..." box and the "I'm not a robot" *Captcha* box
5. Wait until the Captcha completes and Click Post Comment
6. That's it. You're done!

IMPORTANT: ***Please share this message*** with others in your organization, friends, neighbors, and town and county officials. The voices looking to defile our communities with these facilities are already loudly opposing this hearing -- we need to make our voices known!



ALSO IMPORTANT: Help us tell our stories to policymakers across the State by responding to our survey "How Did Wind or Solar Harm Your Community?" Whether it was fire, farmland desecration, habitat loss, or setting residents against one another, we want to hear about it. Respond at https://forms.gle/DYxEpmTBFkAAp11M8

For more information, contact us at stopenergysprawl@gmail.com or check out our website, stopenergysprawl.org

Thanks!

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It's time for a hearing. I support the Coalition for Safe and Reliable Energy's petition requesting that the Commission hold a hearing pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) Section 66-p(4) to evaluate whether to temporarily suspend or modify the targets or provisions under the Renewable Energy Program established as part of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

PSL 66-p(4) provides that the Commission "may temporarily suspend or modify the obligations under such program provided that the commission, after conducting a hearing as provided in section twenty of this chapter, makes a finding that the program impedes the provision of safe and adequate electric service; the program is likely to impair existing obligations and agreements; and/or that there is a significant increase in arrears or service disconnections that the commission determines is related to the program". A PSL 66-p(4) hearing is essential to evaluate whether the Renewable Energy Program, as currently implemented, is compatible with safe, adequate, and affordable electric service.

Safe and adequate service is imperiled by declining reliability margins documented by the New York Independent System Operator. Acceptable reliability risks associated with the Renewable Energy Program have not been defined so the public has no assurance that the declining margins are safe.

Transmission deficiencies threaten reliable delivery. New transmission is needed to get the renewable energy collected to where it is needed. If this transmission is not available, then the energy supply will not be adequate.

*The affordability crisis demands a hearing because **safe** and **adequate** is only possible if it is affordable. The PSL 66-p(4) hearing must define acceptable affordability metrics that can be tracked.*

Multiple independent sources confirm the need for a hearing. State agencies, the Attorney General Office, the NYISO and others have identified schedule and ambition issues associated with the Climate Act implementation that affect the Renewable Energy Program.

The Legislature included Section 66-p(4) precisely to address the situation New York now faces: implementation challenges that threaten reliability and affordability as the aggressive timelines and technology requirements of the Climate Act confront real-world constraints. The Commission has both the authority and the obligation to act. The Commission must convene a hearing as soon as possible.