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FACT SHEET: THE RAPID ACT & NEW ENERGY PROJECT APPROVALS:

New York is modernizing how large-scale renewable energy and major electric transmission projects are approved. The RAPID Act streamlines the process while protecting local input and the environment.

What is the RAPID Act?

- **The Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act** was passed in April 2024 to streamline permitting for major renewable energy and electric transmission projects.
- It replaces Executive Law § 94-c with Public Service Law Article VIII, giving ORES (the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission) responsibility for project approvals.
- The RAPID Act consolidates environmental review and permitting of major renewable energy facilities under ORES, establishes predictable regulatory timelines, and expands approvals to include major electric transmission projects.
- Supports New York's clean energy goals, ensuring 70% renewable electricity by 2030.

What Projects Are Affected?

- **Major renewable energy projects (25 megawatts or larger**) must obtain a siting permit from ORES.
- **Major electric transmission projects (typically 100 kV or more, extending 10+ miles**) will follow the new approval process.
- Existing projects under PSL Articles VII or 10 can stay in those processes or choose to transition to the new Article VIII permitting process.

How the New Process Works:

The proposed regulations include three parts: the General Procedures (Part 1100), which apply to all ORES projects, and regulations specific to generation (Part 1101) and transmission (Part 1102) facilities.

- **Step 1:** Local governments provide input on project compliance.
- **Step 2:** Developer applies for a siting permit from ORES.
- **Step 3:** ORES reviews for completeness (within 60 days).
- **Step 4:** The public comment period opens for feedback.
- **Step 5:** ORES issues **a final decision within 1 year** (or 6 months for repurposed sites).

What This Means for You

- **Residents:** Learn how these projects affect your community.
- **Local Officials:** Ensure projects comply with local laws.
- **Energy Developers:** Navigate the new permitting process.
- **Environmental & Community Advocates:** Share feedback about regulatory improvements.

ORES Regulatory Documents: Scan to Learn More

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FACT SHEET: HOW TO GET INVOLVED & PROVIDE PUBLIC INPUT:

Public hearings and written comments are your chance to provide input on New York's new energy project rules. Here's how you can participate.

Why is ORES seeking Public Input?

- **ORES is seeking public input on new rules for permitting renewable energy and transmission projects.**
- These hearings provide ORES an opportunity to listen to your comments.
- There will be no live discussion or Q&A.
- For those who cannot attend or prefer not to comment at the public statement hearings, written comments may be **submitted by April 18, 2025**.

WAYS TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:

Attend a Public Hearing

- **20 in-person hearings + 2 virtual hearings** across New York State from February 18, 2025, to March 11, 2025.
- **Public Comment Hearing Schedule:** Scan the QR Code on the right to find a location near you or join a hearing by phone.

Submit Comments Online

- Visit: www.dps.ny.gov or scan the QR Code on the left
- Click "Commission Files," then click "File Search"
- Search for Case Number: **24-M-0433**
- Click "Post Comments" to submit your feedback

Mail a Written Comment

- **Send letters to:**

  Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission
  Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock
  Albany, NY 12242

- Reference Case Number: **24-M-0433** in your letter.
- Postmark comments by **April 18, 2025**.

Questions About This Hearing

- If you have any general questions about the rulemaking process, submitting comments, or accessing materials, please contact RAPID@dps.ny.gov