

NYSERDA
ATTN: Draft Scoping Plan
Comments
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Climate Action Council,

Liberty Renewables is a small land-based wind developer located exclusively in New York State and a member of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York. We were founded in 2019, and since our inception we have been working to develop projects with a strong community mindset.

Liberty supports the provisions in the Draft Scoping Plan that will support and enable the development of renewable electricity technologies like wind and solar power. We applaud the steps taken already by the Climate Action Council and agree with the Draft Scoping Plan that a continued emphasis on the development of renewable energy is essential if we are to reach the 70% by 2030 goal.

In the near-term, New York's clear focus should be on getting enough renewable energy projects built to reach its climate goals. Indeed, this underscores the need for efficient processes to deploy large-scale renewable generation and improved transmission and distribution systems. New York should—

- Continue with its steady procurement strategy to ensure continued momentum and investment with regularly scheduled annual requests for proposals (RFPs)
- Continue to improve and streamline the process for cost-effective, timely and environmentally responsible siting of large-scale renewable energy projects across NY, while delivering significant benefits to local communities
- Identify key transmission and distribution upgrades, improvements, and new line construction needed to deliver renewable energy from where it is built, to where the load demand exists
- Should continue engagement, outreach, education, and support for local municipalities, communities, and residents to increase awareness and improve acceptance of energy delivery projects
- And, continue to encourage and facilitate collaboration between the renewable energy industry and the farming community to advance the objectives of the CLCPA while preserving the State's vital agricultural sector



In conclusion, thank you to NY's Climate Action Council for their deliberation and their development of the draft plan. At Liberty, we know that implementing this aggressive plan will be complicated and ensuring that new renewable energy gets built will also not be easy. But we appreciate New York State's focus and support, and we look forward to continuing to invest in NYS communities for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Augusta A. Mead".

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