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Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to  
Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program  
and a Clean Energy Standard

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Case 15-E-0302

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**PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED YEAR 2026 CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD  
FUNDING AND RECONCILIATION OF YEAR 2024 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

Introduction

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) files this petition with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking Commission approval to utilize certain funds to cover NYSEDA's costs needed to administer the Clean Energy Standard (CES), comprised of the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) that includes the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 4, and Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate (OREC) Programs, and the Tier 3/Zero-Emissions Credit Requirement (ZECR) program, for CES compliance year 2026, and to propose an administrative adder for CES compliance years 2026 and 2027 of the Tier 3/ZECR program. This petition also includes a reconciliation of CES compliance year 2024 administrative expenses.

As authorized by the CES, NYSEDA conducts competitive solicitations to further New York's transition to a clean, affordable, and reliable electric grid. These activities have resulted in 105 currently active land-based wind, solar, hydro, and offshore wind awards as well as investments in transmission (through Tier 4) as part of constructing New York's clean energy future. As of July 28, 2025, these large-scale renewable energy projects awarded by NYSEDA under the CES are expected to provide a renewable capacity of 9,863 megawatts (MW) and annual generation of 27,907 gigawatt hours (GWh). Of these projects, based on capacity, 86% are under development and 14% are operational.<sup>1</sup> Administration of the CES also includes the Zero Emissions Credit (ZEC) program, which secures up to a maximum of 27,618 GWh of emission-free nuclear energy produced in the state each year.

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<sup>1</sup> Open NY. 2025. "Large-scale Renewable Projects Reported by NYSEDA: Beginning 2004." Accessed July 28, 2025. <https://data.ny.gov/Energy-Environment/Large-scale-Renewable-Projects-Reported-by-NYSEDA/dprp-55ye>

## Background

The Commission designated NYSERDA as the administrator of all CES programs. In addition to establishing the various CES programs, the 2016 CES Order<sup>2</sup> acknowledged that additional measures, including those necessary to administer the CES programs, would be required to fully implement the CES and would be determined during implementation. NYSERDA's CES team has a core responsibility to manage the procurement of and cost recovery for CES resources as cost-effectively, timely, and efficiently as possible. Managing the portfolio of contracted resources involves fostering appropriate market conditions as well as overseeing contract compliance, conducting invoicing and tracking of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), and addressing contractual issues as they arise on an ongoing basis. As the central procurement administrator, NYSERDA's CES team works closely with Load Serving Entities (LSEs) on fulfilling compliance obligations and collecting payments for RECs and ZECs sold by NYSERDA to LSEs and conducts REC sales to the voluntary market. For resources with a NYSERDA contract that are not yet in commercial operation, the CES team's responsibilities include oversight of the projects as they progress through development, addressing issues as they arise (such as federal policy, siting, permitting, and interconnection challenges) and tracking economic and other benefits arising from the projects. The CES team also looks ahead with the goal of procuring resources toward the State's clean energy goals. For resources still to be acquired, the CES team designs and administers competitive solicitations that deliver the best opportunity for New York to acquire CES resources in the most cost-effective, timely, and efficient manner possible. These issues also overlap and require coordination within the CES team: ongoing procurements and new contracts need to be designed to work effectively with the existing contracted portfolio, incorporating lessons learned from administering contracts over a span of years.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act),<sup>3</sup> which was signed into law in July of 2019, extended and enhanced many of New York's clean energy initiatives and set targets for renewable energy and emissions-free energy consumption in the state. In April of 2020, the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act (Accelerated Renewables Act) was signed, which made significant changes to the permitting process for large-scale renewable projects. Specifically, the act established a new large-scale renewable siting process to be managed by a new office within the Department of State through the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES). ORES subsequently became

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<sup>2</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Adopting a Clean Energy Standard*, issued and effective August 1, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> New York State. "Climate Act." <https://climate.ny.gov/>

part of the New York Department of Public Service (DPS) as discussed below. The Accelerated Renewables Act also created a Build-Ready program, administered by NYSERDA, through which underutilized sites would be developed as renewable generation projects for private market construction and operation. Note that, although the Build-Ready program coordinates with the CES, it operates under a separate authorization with separate administrative funding and is not subject to this petition.

On June 18, 2020, to implement the Climate Act, DPS Staff and NYSERDA jointly filed the white paper on Clean Energy Standard Procurements to Implement New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.<sup>4</sup> On October 15, 2020, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Modifications to the Clean Energy Standard (2020 CES Order).<sup>5</sup> In the 2020 CES Order, the Commission adopted several modifications to the CES to align it with the Climate Act and directed NYSERDA to file one comprehensive annual funding request for all CES programs for years 2022 and beyond.

The 2020 CES Order also adopted two new programs – Competitive Tier 2 and Tier 4. The Competitive Tier 2 program supported “baseline resources,” which are renewable resources that commenced operation prior to January 2015. NYSERDA issued the first and second Competitive Tier 2 Request for Proposals in 2021 and a third and final solicitation in 2022.<sup>6</sup> NYSERDA issued a Tier 4 Request for Proposals on January 13, 2021. The Tier 4 solicitation generated robust competition, and on September 20, 2021, NYSERDA announced the selection of two projects: Clean Path NY and Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE). After contract negotiations, two executed contracts were submitted by petition for Commission approval on November 30, 2021,<sup>7</sup> followed by a public comment period. On April 14, 2022, the Commission approved the contracts by Order.<sup>8</sup> On November 27, 2024, NYSERDA and Clean Path NY mutually agreed to terminate the project’s Tier 4 REC Purchase and Sale Agreement.

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<sup>4</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, White Paper on Clean Energy Procurements to Implement New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act*, filed June 18, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Adopting Modifications to the Clean Energy Standard*, issued and effective October 15, 2020.

<sup>6</sup> NYSERDA. “Clean Energy Standard: Competitive Tier 2 Program.” Available at, <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Standard/Renewable-Generators-and-Developers/Tier-Two-Competitive-Program>.

<sup>7</sup> DPS. 2021. “Petition Regarding Agreements for Procurement of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates (Tier 4 Petition).”

<sup>8</sup> NYSERDA. “Clean Energy Standard: Tier 4-New York City Renewable Energy.” Available at, <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Standard/Renewable-Generators-and-Developers/Tier-Four>.

On November 20, 2020, the Commission issued its Order Authorizing Voluntary Modification of Certain Tier 1 Agreements.<sup>9</sup> In response to this order, NYSERDA issued Request for Interest (RFI) RESVCO2021, “Voluntary Conversion of Eligible New York Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) or Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Agreements.” Through this mechanism, eligible counterparties were able to participate in a conversion process to voluntarily modify their existing Tier 1 REC agreements from a fixed as-bid REC price (Fixed REC) to a variable-priced Index REC pricing structure.

On April 20, 2023, the Commission modified the CES by transitioning the CES Tier 1 compliance obligation for LSEs from the predetermined percentage-based obligation to a load share obligation, similar to other existing LSE obligations under the CES. Under the load share obligation, which took effect in the 2025 Compliance Year, LSEs are obligated to procure all Tier 1 RECs made available by NYSERDA, after the completion of sales to the voluntary market, in a proportion equivalent to their share of State load. The Phase 5 Implementation Plan filed by NYSERDA on August 30, 2023, details this approach.<sup>10</sup>

On May 10, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) Capacity Accreditation Rules, which took effect in May 2024 and are designed to better reflect the capacity value of generation and storage resources based on their contribution to resource adequacy. In response, NYSERDA filed a petition on June 29, 2023, seeking to revise the way in which future REC and OREC agreements that utilize an Index REC and Index OREC pricing mechanism calculate the Reference Capacity Price. On November 20, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Addressing Capacity Accreditation Rules, removing the obligation that resources include a set production factor in their bids to ensure that future CES solicitations can accommodate the new NYISO Capacity Accreditation Rules.<sup>11</sup>

On June 7, 2023, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Sunrise Wind, and Empire Offshore Wind/Beacon Wind filed separate petitions collectively asking the Commission to authorize NYSERDA to amend existing contracts for 86 land-based large-scale renewable projects and 4 offshore wind projects outside of the competitive process. The petitions argued that the projects had been exposed to

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<sup>9</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Authorizing Voluntary Modification of Certain Tier 1 Agreements*, issued and effective November 20, 2020.

<sup>10</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Phase 5 Implementation Plan*, filed August 30, 2023.

<sup>11</sup> Case 15-E-0302. *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and Clean Energy Standard*; Case 18-E-0071. *In the Matter of Offshore Wind Energy. Order Addressing Capacity Accreditation Rules*, issued and effective November 20, 2023.

unprecedented global and regional supply chain bottlenecks, high inflation, and increases in the cost of capital, driven by rising interest rates. In addition, the petitions identified impacts associated with the war in Ukraine, including increased global demand for renewable energy and resulting shortages and price increases for key components and equipment. NYSERDA filed comments with the Commission on August 8, 2023, concluding that there were unforeseen inflation and related supply chain challenges impacting New York State’s large-scale renewables portfolio.

On October 12, 2023, the Commission rejected the petitions requesting inflation adjustments.<sup>12</sup> Later that month, Governor Hochul announced New York State’s “10-Point Renewable Energy Action Plan to Expand a Thriving Large-Scale Renewable Industry” (Action Plan).<sup>13</sup> The Action Plan committed NYSERDA to launch accelerated competitive procurements to backfill projects that terminate their agreements with NYSERDA. In December of 2023, 52 awarded projects terminated their contracts with NYSERDA.

NYSERDA released the seventh and expedited Tier 1 solicitation (RESRFP23-1) under the CES on November 30, 2023, which garnered a significant level of competitive interest from the private market. In April 2024, 24 provisional awards were made resulting in 2.4 gigawatts (GW) of mature, late-stage projects.

On November 30, 2023, NYSERDA issued its fourth offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP23-1) on an accelerated timeline, with proposals due January 25, 2024. Following the release of the solicitation, mutual termination agreements were reached between NYSERDA and the Empire Wind 2 and Beacon Wind 1 projects, which were selected under NYSERDA’s second offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP20-1). The two projects selected in the first offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP18-1), Empire Wind 1 and Sunrise Wind, both re-bid their projects into ORECRFP23-1, along with a new project, Community Offshore Wind 2. On February 29, 2024, Governor Hochul announced the conditional award of two offshore wind projects from ORECRFP23-1—a planned 810-MW project, Empire Wind 1, and Sunrise Wind, a planned 924-MW project. Both contracts were executed in May 2024.

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<sup>12</sup> Case 15-E-0302. *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and Clean Energy Standard*; Case 18-E-0071. *In the Matter of Offshore Wind Energy. Order Denying Petitions Seeking to Amend Contracts with Renewable Energy Projects*, issued and effective October 2023.

<sup>13</sup> NYSERDA. 2023. “New 10-Point Renewable Energy Action Plan Announced to Expand the Renewable Energy Industry and Support High-Quality Jobs Clean Jobs in New York State.” <https://www.nysERDA.ny.gov/About/Newsroom/2023-Announcements/2023-10-12-Governor-Hochul-Announces-New-10-Point-Action-Plan-to-Expand>

The Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment Act (RAPID Act), first introduced in January 2024 as part of Governor Hochul’s 2025 Executive Budget Proposal and subsequently enacted as part of the New York State budget in April 2024, made several substantive changes to renewable energy generation facility and transmission line siting in New York State. The RAPID Act also moved ORES from the Department of State to DPS.

On June 20, 2024, NYSERDA issued the eighth annual RES request for proposals, RESRFP24-1. The solicitation resulted in contracts for 26 large-scale land-based renewable energy projects that, upon completion, will provide more than 2.5 GW of clean energy, enough to power more than 670,000 homes throughout New York State.<sup>14</sup> Information on these projects and other NYSERDA-funded large-scale renewable projects can be found on the Open NY website.<sup>15</sup>

On July 1, 2024, DPS Staff and NYSERDA jointly filed the draft CES Biennial Review in Case 15-E-0302, garnering significant public comment and feedback.<sup>16</sup> On May 15, 2025, the Commission issued its Order Adopting the CES Biennial Review as Final and Making Other Findings (2025 Biennial Review Order).<sup>17</sup> The 2025 Biennial Review Order further directed DPS Staff and NYSERDA to file additional proposals on further improvements to the procurement process.

On July 17, 2024, NYSERDA launched New York’s fifth competitive offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP24-1). As part of this solicitation, NYSERDA included key provisions from the latest rounds of renewable energy procurements, such as inflation indexing, Disadvantaged Community commitments, and related priorities to maintain the policy objectives introduced in prior solicitations intended to ensure an equitable energy transition for all New Yorkers. The proposal submission deadline for non-price information was September 9, 2024, and offer price submissions were due October 18, 2024. As of the date of this petition, the solicitation process for ORECRFP24-1 is ongoing.

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<sup>14</sup> NYSERDA (2025). “Contracts Executed for 26 Large-Scale Land-Based Renewable Energy Projects.” <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/About/Newsroom/2025-Announcements/2025-05-21-Governor-Hochul-Announces-Executed-Contracts-For-26-Land-Based-Projects>

<sup>15</sup> Open NY (2025). “Large-scale Renewable Projects Reported by NYSERDA: Beginning 2004.” <https://data.ny.gov/Energy-Environment/Large-scale-Renewable-Projects-Reported-by-NYSERDA/dprp-55ye>

<sup>16</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Draft Clean Energy Standard Biennial Review*, With Corrections, filed July 8, 2024.

<sup>17</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Adopting CES Biennial Review as Final and Making Other Findings*, issued and effective May 15, 2025.

## 2026 Administration Proposal

The CES developed in stages, as described in the background section of this petition. For this reason, many documents, including the enabling Orders of the Commission, address the current components of the CES as individual programs:

- Tier 1 – Aims to increase new renewable energy development in New York State. Eligible Tier 1 resources include generators of electricity that use the following technologies: solar thermal, solar photovoltaics (PV), land-based and offshore wind, hydroelectric, geothermal electric, geothermal ground source heat, tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal, and fuel cells which do not utilize a fossil fuel resource in the process of generating electricity, that entered commercial operation on or after January 1, 2015.
- Tier 2 Competitive – Aimed to maximize the contributions and potential of New York’s existing renewable resources to ensure their continued operations. Eligible Competitive Tier 2 generators included existing non-state-owned run-of-river hydropower and existing wind resources located within the State that entered commercial operation prior to January 1, 2015. Authorization for the previous Tier 2 Competitive program has expired and there is no program currently in operation.
- Tier 2 Maintenance – Aims to provide targeted, adequate, and prudent support to New York’s existing renewable resources to ensure their continued operations. Eligible Tier 2 Maintenance generators include run-of-river hydroelectric facilities (10 MW or less) and wind resources that entered commercial operation prior to January 1, 2003.
- Tier 3/ZECR – Aims to place a value on New York’s upstate nuclear plants which avoid the emission of over 15 million tons of carbon dioxide per year. New York State’s LSEs must purchase ZECs from NYSERDA every year. This annual obligation is based on an LSE’s proportional amount of statewide load in each compliance year.
- Tier 4 – Aims to increase the delivery of renewable energy to New York City, addressing the city’s heavy reliance on fossil fuels, via new transmission infrastructure. The CHPE project, a 1,250 MW, 339-mile underground and underwater transmission line, broke ground in November 2022 and is anticipated to begin commercial operation in 2026.
- Offshore Wind – Aims to advance the responsible and cost-effective development of offshore wind energy, including investments in transmission infrastructure, ports, manufacturing and supply chains, and workforce training to support the growing offshore wind industry.

## Administrative Funding

The administrative funding requested in this petition will be used to support CES program development and operation in CES compliance year 2026, supporting the growth and maintenance of clean energy supply. These funds are separate and distinct from awards made to clean energy projects under the various CES programs. NYSERDA's administrative budget funding requested in this petition is divided into four categories:

1. **Salaries and Overhead** – salaries and overhead expenses for NYSERDA's employees working on current or in-development CES programs.
2. **Technical and Implementation Support** – the complex issues addressed by the CES programs often require specialized consultant support, the purchase of proprietary data sets (for example, forecasts of future energy and capacity prices) and conducting stakeholder outreach and community engagement events.
3. **System Development** – the costs associated with developing and maintaining the business systems needed to operate CES programs including the New York Generation Attribute Tracking System (NYGATS) and NYSERDA's Salesforce platforms dedicated to CES activities.
4. **New York State Cost Recovery Fee (CRF)** – a fee assessed to NYSERDA and other public authorities by New York State for an allocable share of State governmental costs attributable to the provision of services to public benefit corporations pursuant to Section 2975 of the Public Authorities Law.

Over the past several years, the administration of the CES has continued to increase in complexity as the pipeline evolves and market dynamics shift due in part to the combined effects of inflation, supply chain constraints, and dynamic federal policy, particularly regarding federal tariffs, permitting, and tax credits. These evolving issues have created considerable uncertainty for developers of all energy technologies and have especially impacted those of onshore wind, solar, and offshore wind projects. Changes to the investment tax credit (ITC) and production tax credit (PTC) enacted by the 2025 budget reconciliation bill ("One Big Beautiful Bill Act")<sup>18</sup> are more restrictive for renewable energy technologies than previous policies. To qualify for federal tax credits (ITC/PTC), projects are now required to begin construction by mid-2026 or be placed in service by December 31, 2027. Additionally, new Foreign Entity of Concern (FEOC) restrictions may affect ITC/PTC eligibility for certain projects that begin construction after

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<sup>18</sup> Arrington, J. (2025). "Text: H.R.1 — 119th Congress (2025-2026): One Big Beautiful Bill Act." <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1/text>

December 31, 2025. Additionally, further action at the federal level, including future implementation of the July 7, 2025, Executive Order issued by the White House, *Ending Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign Controlled Energy Sources*,<sup>19</sup> could also impact the portfolio of CES projects.

These substantial policy and financial headwinds have resulted in a much more volatile market for land-based wind, solar, and offshore wind energy projects and will require administration of the CES to be nimble and dynamic, with the ability to respond to market changes as they occur. At the same time, consumer affordability and a commitment to minimizing ratepayer costs remain a core focus of NYSERDA's CES administrative priorities. To this end, the administrative funding proposal put forth in this petition is based on a thorough evaluation of what workstreams and initiatives must continue to support operation of the CES while making appropriate adjustments to initiatives and workstreams, and thus corresponding expenditures, to reduce costs where possible. This proposal reflects the dual objectives of enabling NYSERDA to quickly respond to market conditions and unforeseen developments while continuing to advance the CES portfolio in a fiscally responsible manner.

### ***Salaries and Overhead***

Administration of the CES continues to be a complex and substantial workload. This petition for 2026 CES administrative funding represents an overall net reduction of four full time equivalent (FTE) positions as shown in Table 1. This FTE reduction will include not backfilling current OREC vacancies. The slight increase in Tier 4 staffing recognizes the increasing programmatic activity critical to prepare for CHPE to enter commercial operation in 2026 and to manage the contract once operational; to accommodate this need, existing internal resources are being shifted to support Tier 4, thus this is not a net new position. Appendix B contains a list of all FTE positions directly funded through the CES administrative budget. As noted, CES administrative funding is requested solely for salaries and overhead expenses related to FTE working on current or in-development CES programs and activities.

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<sup>19</sup> The White House (2025). "Ending Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign-Controlled Energy Sources." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/ending-market-distorting-subsidies-for-unreliable-foreign%e2%80%91controlled-energy-sources/>

<b>Table 1. Proposed CES Year 2026 Full Time Equivalent Positions by Fund</b>						
<i>Fund</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 3/ZECR</i>	<i>Tier 4</i>	<i>OREC</i>	<i>FTE Total</i>
<b>2025 FTE</b>	24.18	0.40	2.09	3.54	17.04	<b>47.25</b>
<b>Proposed 2026 FTE</b>	23.33	0.40	2.09	3.99	13.44	<b>43.25</b>
<b>Change* (#)</b>	-0.85	--	--	+0.45	-3.60	<b>-4.00</b>

\* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

***System Development***

System Development includes annual costs of the administration, operation, and maintenance of NYGATS and anticipated revisions to NYGATS and other business systems, such as Salesforce, to implement and manage the suite of CES programs and the related LSE compliance activities. System development and support is needed across all CES program areas. As new requirements are added to CES programs, NYGATS, as well as NYSERDA’s internal business systems, must be enhanced to provide the needed functionality.

For 2026, the primary driver of system development costs are the regular costs associated with operation and maintenance of NYGATS. NYGATS is an electronic tracking system for attributes associated with all electricity generated, imported, exported, and consumed in New York State since 2016. The tracking and verification provided by NYGATS facilitates and brings credibility and liquidity to the environmental commodities markets and enables market transactions. NYGATS also supports New York’s various legislation and programs related to the tracking of generation attributes, such as the Environmental Disclosure Program (EDP), as well as current and future programs to support CES and Climate Act targets.<sup>20</sup>

System development costs also include Salesforce license and development costs. Salesforce is the primary business system utilized for CES program operations including during the solicitation process, progress report intake, milestone and deliverable tracking, invoicing and settlements, processing and tracking of contract security, and managing all CES data including a large part of Open NY reporting.

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<sup>20</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Modifying Clean Energy Standard Tier 1 Obligation*, issued and effective April 20, 2023.

This proposal represents a 37% decrease in the overall System Development budget from the prior year. The proposed System Development budgets for both the Tier 4 and OREC programs are reflective of the anticipated start of operation for the programs' first projects and the increased system needs associated with that milestone. CHPE, in the Tier 4 program, is anticipated to begin commercial operation in 2026 while Empire Wind 1, in the OREC program, may send first power to shore in 2026. With these projects nearing commercial operation, the systems and tools needed to track and manage the programs are being readied for operation.

### ***Technical and Implementation Support***

The Technical and Implementation Support administrative budget items include costs associated with ongoing program consultant support and implementation for the CES programs, development and issuance of procurements, technical and policy analysis, and technical evaluation panels for NYSERDA procurements. These workstreams are developed and prioritized to deliver the CES programs and meet the State's clean energy goals in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible. The indicative scopes of work included below are based upon current knowledge and may be subject to re-allocation based on future legal, regulatory, market, and programmatic changes.

- Tier 1: There are currently 100 active Tier 1 contracts in NYSERDA's portfolio as reflected in Open NY (not including the Build-Ready BRRFP23-1 contract),<sup>21</sup> reflecting both Operational and Under Development projects.

Conducting competitive and informed solicitations is a major Tier 1 workstream. Solicitations are conducted in two steps, as described in the relevant RES solicitation documents,<sup>22</sup> and involve complex financial and electrical grid analysis performed by experts under contract to NYSERDA. RES solicitations are also supported by internal and external subject matter expert technical reviewers to assist in assessing bid materials and likely project impacts to the New York State electrical grid, agricultural lands, wetlands, and other key areas of evaluation. The request for a flat Technical and Implementation Support budget for Tier 1, consistent with the budget approved in CES compliance year 2025, reflects the program's need to be able to respond to the evolving market, particularly given changing federal policies, the program's administration of annual RES

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<sup>21</sup> Open NY. 2025. "Large-scale Renewable Projects Reported by NYSERDA: Beginning 2004." Accessed July 28, 2025. <https://data.ny.gov/Energy-Environment/Large-scale-Renewable-Projects-Reported-by-NYSERDA/dprp-55ye>

<sup>22</sup> NYSERDA. "Solicitations for Large-Scale Renewables." <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Large-Scale-Renewables/RES-Tier-One-Eligibility/Solicitations-for-Long-term-Contracts>

solicitations in accordance with the new requirements directed by the Commission in the 2025 Biennial Review Order, and the program’s continued focus on affordability. Activities across the Tier 1 portfolio have been adjusted to accommodate this budget request

The scale of new renewable generation being added to the grid is significant and, as part of evolving the New York State electric grid to support future energy needs, this generation creates opportunities to update and modernize the electric grid. This planned work includes support for and coordination with DPS Staff’s work on transmission planning, supporting workstreams related to Case 20-E-0197, and direct participation in and support for the Coordinated Grid Planning Process (CGPP).

The proposed budget also includes funds to support the New York State Agricultural Technical Working Group (A-TWG).<sup>23</sup> The A-TWG is an independent advisory body to the State of New York that guides and informs efforts in advancing renewable energy development in the state. The group’s guidance endeavors to support renewable energy progress in a responsible way that also supports New York State’s agricultural operations, lands, farmers, and communities. The A-TWG is comprised of agricultural land and farmer advocates, solar developers and operators, non-governmental organizations that focus on clean energy, climate, and environmental protection, local government officials, academic experts, and state agencies.

NYSERDA began selling Tier 1 RECs to the voluntary market for the 2025 compliance year as authorized in the approval of the Tier 1 Phase 5 Implementation Plan.<sup>24</sup> The first of these REC sales resulted in 58,500 RECs sold at a total revenue of nearly \$1.5 million.<sup>25</sup> These sales to the voluntary market both support New York’s use of renewable energy and reduce ratepayer costs under the Tier 1 obligation. NYSERDA staff works directly with the market to ensure potential buyers are aware of the opportunity to purchase Tier 1 RECs from NYSERDA as well as conducting the sales and fulfilling the purchases.

- Tier 2: The administrative funding request for Tier 2 reflects the limited scope of currently authorized programs. NYSERDA continues to administer Tier 2 Maintenance contracts as

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<sup>23</sup> New York State Agricultural Technical Working Group. <https://www.nyatwg.com/>

<sup>24</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Phase 5 Implementation Plan*, filed August 30, 2023.

<sup>25</sup> NYSERDA. “Voluntary Sales - Vintage 2025.” <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Standard/Voluntary-REC-Sales/Tier-1-REC-Voluntary-Sale/2025-Voluntary-Sales>

directed by the Commission and therefore has ongoing salary expenses, but no Technical and Implementation Support or System Development budget is requested in this petition.

- Tier 4: The proposed Tier 4 Technical and Implementation Support budget is focused on activities preparing for CHPE to enter commercial operation in 2026. One major workstream is the completion of an automated verification system to support energy and REC due diligence. This includes the verification of clean energy delivery, REC minting, and facility operations, in addition to record keeping for the various metrics required in the Renewable Energy Certificate Purchase and Sale Agreement between NYSERDA and H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. (the Tier 4 Agreement). Funding is also proposed to contract with a third-party for subject matter expertise in energy accounting to ensure industry best practices are implemented.

Funding is proposed for the contracting of subject matter expertise to support NYSERDA's review of the Demand Side Management Accounting plan that H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. is required to file in Case 15-E-0302 prior to CHPE reaching commercial operation. The proposed budget also includes allocations for specific and unique subject matter expertise to support NYSERDA's administration of the Minimum Delivery, the Supplier Greenhouse Gas Baseline, Additional Solar and Wind Resources, Qualified Renewable Energy Resource eligibility, Disadvantaged Communities benefits reporting, and metering compliance components of the Tier 4 Agreement.

The CHPE project will still be in active construction for a portion of 2026, and there will be a continued need for monitoring construction progress and adherence to contract requirements.

- Offshore Wind: Offshore wind remains a potentially major source of new energy for New York State, offering the ability to deliver large quantities of clean power directly into downstate load centers where demand is highest and the potential for new transmission pathways are limited. While the U.S. offshore wind industry is still in a formative stage, five projects totaling 5.8 GW are currently under construction, including two New York-contracted projects totaling 1.7 GW. Despite recent federal policy setbacks, the need for offshore wind in New York's generation mix remains clear, and the sector is anticipated to play a critical long-term role in meeting the State's growing energy needs.

In 2026, Offshore Wind programmatic efforts will be centered on learning from the projects under construction and continuing stakeholder engagement to inform opportunities where additional ratepayer value can be realized, and project development risks can be reduced in anticipation of a more supportive federal landscape in the future. Planned efforts are focused on workstreams designed to ensure the projects under construction maintain compliance with their contractual obligations and to support and strengthen the broader emerging industry in New York State. Program priorities include identifying and pursuing cost-reduction strategies to benefit ratepayers, improving development certainty to enhance grid reliability, supporting legacy investments, advancing supply chain and workforce development opportunities, and informing permitting reforms. These initiatives aim to maximize economic benefits for New Yorkers while also continuing to advance the nascent industry and ensure responsible offshore wind development in the U.S.

The Offshore Wind Technical and Implementation Support budget request for CES compliance year 2026 has been reduced compared to the prior year. The petition includes funding to ensure continued oversight of the 1.7 GW of projects under construction, to support the advancement of over \$500 million in State investments in the offshore wind supply chain,<sup>26</sup> and to deliver workforce development and project impact analysis. Requested funding will also support continued engagement with industry stakeholders, including labor, environmental groups, academics, the fishing industry, environmental justice communities, students, and elected officials.

These efforts will build off progress made by the Offshore Wind program in CES compliance year 2025, during which time the team has been actively overseeing the 1.7 GW of projects under construction, including managing issues that arose earlier this year as a result of an order issued by the federal government temporarily halting construction of one of the projects, and coordinating with one of the project developers on the development of the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal. NYSERDA also commenced drafting of the OREC Implementation Plan for filing with the Commission, which will lay out the proposed approach to NYSERDA's sale of ORECs to LSEs and voluntary buyers once projects enter commercial operation and begin selling ORECs to NYSERDA. To further establish the foundation of a responsible offshore wind

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<sup>26</sup> Office of the Governor of New York State. 2022. *Governor Hochul Announces Nation-Leading \$500 Million Investment in Offshore Wind*. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-nation-leading-500-million-investment-offshore-wind>

industry in the U.S., the Offshore Wind team has also played a key role in a multi-state effort to develop an efficient, transparent, and standardized regional fisheries compensation fund, engaging with stakeholders in one-on-one meetings and stakeholder-specific caucus meetings, with plans to further engage the fishing industry and state fisheries managers. Technical working groups were also actively engaged in stakeholder outreach and education. The Offshore Wind Environmental Technical Working Group (E-TWG) has supported an expert Specialist Committee that drafted and is distributing science-based answers on topical questions related to offshore wind development and whales, while the Offshore Wind Cable Working Group (CWG) – comprised of representatives from State, federal, and local agencies – published a compiled list of potential permits, approvals, and consultations necessary for offshore energy transmission development.

Maintaining core Offshore Wind program functions and flexibility to respond to a dynamic market is essential to ensure that the State can leverage the offshore wind industry to provide reliable, affordable, and clean energy directly into the load centers of New York City and Long Island. Accordingly, this petition sustains foundational program support, leverages past investments, and adapts implementation approaches as appropriate.

### ***New York State Cost Recovery Fee***

The New York State CRF is a fee assessed to NYSERDA and other public authorities by New York State for an allocable share of State governmental costs attributable to the provision of services to public benefit corporations pursuant to Section 2975 of the Public Authorities Law. NYSERDA allocates CRF across its programs by weighted average of programmatic expenditures and will allocate a proportionate share of the annual CRF to the CES program.

2026 Administrative Funding Petition Summary

Given the work needed to continue to deliver a high-quality and cost-effective CES program in furtherance of New York’s climate and energy goals, NYSERDA proposes a total administrative budget of \$34,784,598 for the 2026 compliance year, as shown in Table 2.

The CES administrative budget presented in Table 2 includes NYSERDA CES staff salaries, fringe benefits, and other direct program operating costs and allocated general and administrative expenses. As directed in the 2020 CES Order, NYSERDA continues to keep a detailed account of all costs incurred in administering the CES programs and any unspent administrative funds are used for future ratepayer benefit.

<b>Table 2. Proposed CES Year 2025 Budget</b>						
<b>Program Area</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3/ZECR</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>	<b>OREC</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Salaries &amp; Overhead</b>	\$8,785,926	\$182,422	\$789,547	\$1,453,501	\$5,233,797	<b>\$16,445,193</b>
<b>Technical Support</b>	\$2,817,500	\$0	\$125,000	\$2,160,000	\$5,678,000	<b>\$10,780,500</b>
<b>System Development</b>	\$395,333	\$0	\$150,000	\$420,333	\$395,333	<b>\$1,360,999</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,998,759</b>	<b>\$182,422</b>	<b>\$1,064,547</b>	<b>\$4,033,834</b>	<b>\$11,307,130</b>	<b>\$28,586,692</b>
<b>NYS Cost Recovery Fee</b>	\$698,767	\$1,642	\$3,663,442	\$1,732,291	\$101,764	<b>\$6,197,906</b>
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$12,697,526</b>	<b>\$184,064</b>	<b>\$4,727,989</b>	<b>\$5,766,125</b>	<b>\$11,408,894</b>	<b>\$34,784,598</b>

\* Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

2024 Budget Reconciliation

NYSERDA files quarterly itemized reports on the costs associated with the administration and development of the CES programs. Table 3 shows the reconciliation of CES compliance year 2024 administrative expenses by fund.

<b>Table 3. Unspent CES Compliance Period Funds – 2024</b>			
<b>Program Expenses</b>	<b>Compliance Year Budget</b>	<b>Compliance Year Committed</b>	<b>Uncommitted Funds</b>
Tier 1/RES Salary and Overhead	\$6,659,230	\$7,129,129	(\$469,899)
Tier 1/RES NYS Cost Recovery Fee	\$845,688	\$790,795	\$54,893
Tier 1/RES Technical Support	\$2,847,992	\$5,403,048	(\$2,555,056)
Tier 1/RES System Development	\$426,487	\$805,110	(\$378,623)
<b>*Total</b>	<b>\$10,779,397</b>	<b>\$14,128,082</b>	<b>(\$3,348,685)</b>
Tier 3/ZECR Salary and Overhead	\$679,498	\$624,734	\$54,764
Tier 3/ZECR NYS Cost Recovery Fee	\$5,060,596	\$4,044,819	\$1,015,777
Tier 3/ZECR Technical Support	156,600	\$0	\$156,600
Tier 3/ZECR System Development	592,042	\$0	\$592,042
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,488,736</b>	<b>\$4,669,553</b>	<b>\$1,819,183</b>
Tier 2 Salary and Overhead	\$374,478	\$337,110	\$37,368
Tier 2 NYS Cost Recovery Fee Expenses	\$4,911	\$5,498	(\$587)
Tier 2 Technical Support	\$116,600	\$47,785	\$68,815
Tier 2 System Development Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$495,989</b>	<b>\$390,393</b>	<b>\$105,596</b>
Tier 4 Salary and Overhead	\$661,094	\$567,352	\$93,742
Tier 4 NYS Cost Recovery Fee	\$21,969	\$8,970	\$12,999
Tier 4 Technical Support	\$1,510,600	\$1,607,082	(\$96,482)
Tier 4 System Development	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,218,663</b>	<b>\$2,183,404</b>	<b>\$35,259</b>
OREC Salary and Overhead	\$5,546,437	\$4,774,617	\$771,820
OREC NYS Cost Recovery Fee	\$134,339	\$102,071	\$32,268
OREC Technical Support	\$7,836,100	\$8,171,767	(\$335,667)
OREC System Development	\$50,000	\$86,600	(\$36,600)
<b>**Total</b>	<b>\$13,566,876</b>	<b>\$13,135,055</b>	<b>\$431,821</b>

\*Totals represent the utilization of prior year budgeted funding being committed in the current compliance year.

\*\* Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Sources of Funds and Funding Proposal

NYSERDA proposes to fund its 2026 administration of the Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 4, and OREC programs with revenues received in the previous years including bid fees, alternative compliance payments (ACP), contract security forfeitures, and interest income, and to fund the Tier 3/ZECR program with an adder charge.

In accordance with previously filed implementation plans, NYSERDA collects bid fees as part of the OREC, Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 4 programs and has collected funds due to contract security forfeitures as part of the Tier 1, Tier 4, and OREC programs. The Commission has previously authorized NYSERDA to use these funds to offset the costs of administering these programs.<sup>27</sup> NYSERDA carried a balance of \$139,874,221 in surplus funds into 2025 as reflected in Table 4. The surplus represents revenues and expenditures through the 2024 compliance year.

NYSERDA anticipates ending calendar year 2025 with approximately \$32,573,318 in current year surplus resulting in an overall surplus of \$172,447,539 as shown in Table 4. This sum includes \$40,400,00 in ACP collections. ACPs are no longer part of the CES (formerly part of the Tier 1 obligation framework) as of the 2025 compliance year per the Phase 5 Implementation Plan,<sup>28</sup> and therefore no additional ACPs will be collected. Table 4 also illustrates the necessary transfers to OREC, Tier 2, and Tier 4 to mitigate the ratepayer impact of CES program costs through funding these programs with surplus funds. NYSERDA proposes to continue to fund administration of the Tier 3/ZECR program through an administrative adder. Any funds collected through the ZEC adder will, if unspent, be returned to the LSEs that purchased ZECs, in a proportionate amount.

In compliance with the 2016 CES Order, NYSERDA has kept a detailed account of all costs in administering the CES program, and any unspent administrative funds will be used for future ratepayer benefit.

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<sup>27</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Approving 2022 Clean Energy Standard Administrative Budget*, issued and effective December 16, 2021, and *Order Approving 2023 Clean Energy Standard Administrative Funding and Reconciliation of Year 2021 Administrative Costs*, issued and effective December 15, 2022.

<sup>28</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Phase 5 Implementation Plan*, filed August 30, 2023.

<b>Table 4. Preliminary Estimate of CES RES Surplus Funding</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Beginning Surplus/(Deficit), January 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$139,874,221</b>
<b>Revenue/Source of Funds (Tier 1)</b>	
Renewable Energy Credit Proceeds	\$55,867,000
Alternative Compliance Payments	\$40,400,000
Voluntary Compliance Payments	\$360,000
Management/Bid Fees	\$3,000,000
Contract Security and Bid Deposits	\$11,224,193
Investment Income	\$7,484,311
<b>Total Tier 1 Revenue</b>	<b>\$118,335,504</b>
<b>Expense/Use of Funds (Tier 1)</b>	
Program Administration	\$7,935,709
Program Support	\$2,817,500
System Development Costs	\$710,000
REC Payments to Generating Facilities	\$55,867,000
NYS Cost Recovery Fee	\$825,319
<b>Total Tier 1 Expense</b>	<b>\$68,155,528</b>
<b>Transfers to Other Funds</b>	
Transfer to OREC	\$13,925,232
Transfer to Tier 2	\$159,498
Transfer to Tier 4	\$3,521,928
<b>Total Transfer from Tier 1 to Other Funds</b>	<b>\$17,606,658</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit), 1/1/2025-12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$32,573,318</b>
<b>Cumulative Surplus/(Deficit), December 31, 2025*</b>	<b>\$172,447,539</b>

\* Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Conclusion

NYSERDA respectfully requests that the Commission approve the CES compliance year 2026 administrative costs as proposed in this filing and the corresponding proposals to fund Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 4, and OREC costs with revenues received in the previous years including bid fees, forfeited contract security funds, ACP, and interest income, and to fund the Tier 3/ZECR program with an administrative adder charge as in previous years.

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***Appendix A – Currently Open Positions***

Table A.1 shows the status of currently open positions. This table does not include currently open positions, which will not be backfilled as discussed in the *Salaries and Overhead* section of the petition.

<b>Table A.1. Status of Current Approved Open Positions</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Team/Focus</b>	<b>Status</b>
Asst. Dir, Settlements	Settlements/Reporting	Posted, Interviewing
Project Manager	Land Based Resources	Posted, Interviewing

***Appendix B – Indicative Full Time Employee Positions of the CES Program***

Listed below are indicative full-time positions across the CES programs based upon the proposed 2026 workstreams and programmatic needs. However, these positions may be re-allocated within Commission-approved budgets based on future legal, regulatory, market, and programmatic changes. Some positions also support multiple programs and are therefore split across multiple funds. This section incorporates the four FTE reduction discussed in the body of the petition.

<b>Table B.1. Full Time Equivalents by Fund</b>						
<i>Fund</i>	<i>Tier 1</i>	<i>Tier 2</i>	<i>Tier 3/ZECR</i>	<i>Tier 4</i>	<i>OREC</i>	<i>FTE Total</i>
<b>Proposed 2026 FTE*</b>	23.33	0.40	2.09	3.99	13.44	<b>43.25</b>

\* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

*Tier 1 (REC) Staff*

The 23.33 FTEs currently supporting the Tier 1 program are engaged in a variety of functions across several broad categories:

- Project Managers (6.05 FTE) – Project Managers perform a variety of tasks in support of the Tier 1 program, with their primary tasks being the negotiation of contracts for new awards and active management of existing contracts with generators that are not yet in commercial operation. Each annual solicitation typically results in 18-25 new contracts to negotiate, execute, and manage. Additionally, Project Managers perform program and policy analysis, maintain expert working knowledge of the New York, national, and global markets, and apply that knowledge to the Tier 1 program to pursue cost-effective, timely, and efficient resource development. This work includes developing expertise and informing programmatic activities on ad hoc issues, such as capacity accreditation, inflation, federal policy, and other matters directly affecting the Tier 1 portfolio.
- Operations (11.33 FTE) – The Operations staff provides a variety of services to enable the efficient and reliable functioning of the Tier 1 Program. This group manages NYGATS, settles contracts with generators in commercial operation, takes possession of the RECs, and then sells the RECs to LSEs and the voluntary market (starting in the 2025 compliance year, per the Commission’s Order modifying the Tier 1 obligation<sup>29</sup>). This group also manages all Tier 1

<sup>29</sup> Case 15-E-0302, *Proceeding to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard, Order Modifying Clean Energy Standard Tier 1 Obligation*, issued and effective April 20, 2023.

related data, including internal tracking, Open NY reporting, and business system development and maintenance as well as CES financial tracking, reporting, and management.

The operations group also includes an analyst position which is critical for developing program cost estimates, forecasting future cash flows, and analyzing the impact of various market changes on the program. The operations group includes transmission system experts supporting the annual solicitation and the team's engagement with DPS Staff on issues such as the Commission's Case 20-E-0197, a Proceeding on the Motion of the Commission to Implement Transmission Planning Pursuant to the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act. Origination specialists who conduct the annual Tier 1 solicitation are also included here. Finally, the operations group includes a partial position for a communications specialist who assists with public notices and other public communications (for example, solicitations and webinars) conducted by the team.

- Legal (1.3 FTE) – Each Tier 1 award is memorialized in a purchase contract for Tier 1 RECs between the awarded generation project and NYSERDA. Each contract is individually negotiated and executed based on a standard contract. The legal team also supports program design, policy creation, and regulatory filings and works collaboratively with Project Managers and Operations staff to address disputes or contractual issues as they arise.
- Siting (1.7 FTE) – NYSERDA offers several resources to help local governments understand how to manage responsible clean energy development in their communities. These resources include step-by-step instructions and tools to guide the implementation of clean energy related to permitting processes, property taxes, siting, and zoning. The members of the Siting team develop these resources and act as a single point of contact for communities wishing to learn more or make use of the resources.
- Leadership (2.95 FTE) – Leadership positions are shared functions across the Large-Scale Resources programs and include the head of the Large-Scale Resources team as well as the directors actively engaged on Tier 1 issues. This team provides coordination and collaboration across the entire CES team, sets team priorities, develops program strategy, completes ad hoc analysis and projects, and ensures that the programs under their guidance continue to innovate in pursuit of New York's clean energy goals while minimizing ratepayer impact and ensuring the most positive outcomes possible for all New Yorkers.

### *Tier 2 Staff*

The Tier 2 staff is currently comprised of 0.40 FTE made up of partial allocations to a counsel and an operations specialist.

### *Tier 3/ZECR Staff*

The Tier 3/ZECR staff is currently comprised of 2.09 FTE. Partial FTE allocations are spread across several roles including project management, legal, operations, and leadership, with each having specific tasks such as determining LSE obligations, establishing LSE collections, making payments to the ZEC sellers, and reconciling the program at the end of each compliance year.

### *Tier 4 Staff*

The Tier 4 staff is currently comprised of 3.99 FTEs. Two FTEs are Project Managers dedicated to managing NYSERDA's contracts and implementing a settlements system and an energy verification system to fulfill contract obligations with the awarded Tier 4 project. There is also a smaller portion of time from several supporting areas accounted for in this total, including legal, transmission expertise, operations, contracts, and leadership.

### *Offshore Wind (OREC) Staff*

The 13.44 FTEs currently supporting the Offshore Wind program are engaged in a variety of functions across several broad categories:

- Project Managers (8.34 FTE) – The OREC Project Managers have primary responsibility to originate projects through periodic solicitations and to manage the existing portfolio of OREC contracts. New York is not just building offshore wind generation, but, rather, an entire offshore wind industry. This staff originates awards and manages in-development contracts. Included here are also the Fisheries Liaison as well as several partial FTE for offshore wind related contract creation, analyst capabilities, and CES operations functions.
- Labor and Economic Development Manager (1.0 FTE): This position engages and strategizes with key public and private industry stakeholders to develop a New York supply chain ecosystem to ensure supply of critical components and services to meet the growing demand of this national and global industry. The position manages the funds being invested in port and manufacturing infrastructure while also encouraging private industry to respond to other funding opportunities, such as federal programs. As the supply chain advances, this position will assist existing New

York small-to-medium sized businesses, including minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE), service-disabled veteran-owned business enterprises (SDVOB), and businesses located in disadvantaged communities (DACs), by guiding them to services such as business training, direct technical assistance, or participation in local or national business-to-business engagement activities.

- **Workforce Development Manager (0.5 FTE):** To enable the buildout of the offshore wind projects and concomitant benefits to New York, there is a critical need to prioritize workforce training inclusive of DACs. As the offshore wind supply chain investments are advanced, the workforce must be simultaneously developed to support the buildout of that supply chain and the construction of offshore wind projects. This position builds close working relationships and coordinates across various stakeholders, including academic institutions, technical trade groups, offshore wind suppliers, developers, DACs, and many others, to help create the workforce needed to support the offshore wind industry.
- **Transmission Expertise (1.0 FTE) –** Electric grid transmission expertise is a key part of advancing offshore wind. NYSERDA needs to have an informed and educated approach for both how the offshore electric grid should be configured and how and where to interconnect that energy into the existing onshore grid.
- **Legal (1.1 FTE) –** Each Offshore Wind program award results in a purchase contract for ORECs between the owner of an awarded generation project and NYSERDA. Each contract is individually negotiated and established. The legal team also supports program design and policy creation, and regulatory filings, and works collaboratively with Project Managers and Operations staff to address potential disputes or contractual issues as they arise.
- **Leadership (1.5 FTE) –** Leadership positions are shared functions across the Large-Scale Resources programs and include the head of the Large-Scale Resources team as well as the directors actively engaged on offshore wind issues. This team provides coordination and collaboration across the entire CES team, sets team priorities, develops program strategy, completes ad hoc analysis and projects, and ensures that the programs under their guidance continue to innovate in pursuit of New York’s clean energy goals while minimizing ratepayer impact and ensuring the most positive outcomes possible for all New Yorkers.