

**Statewide Solar for All Compensation Level Schedules – 2025
Program Year**

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Case 21-E-0629, In the Matter of the Advancement of Distributed Solar

Case 19-E-0735, Petition of New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
Requesting Additional NY-Sun Program Funding and Extension of Program Through 2023

Case 14-M-0224, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Enable Community Choice
Aggregation Programs

Introduction

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) submits this filing in accordance with the New York State Public Service Commission’s (Commission) *Order Approving Statewide Solar With Modifications*, issued on May 16, 2024 (S-SFA Order). Specifically, the S-SFA Order directed NYSEDA to file initial Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) compensation levels schedules to be included within utility S-SFA tariff statements, applicable to distributed solar and energy storage projects participating in the first year of the S-SFA program, running from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.

Section 1: Background

On May 19, 2023, Department of Public Service Staff (Staff) filed a proposal for a Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) program in Cases 14-M-0224 and 19-E-0735 (S-SFA Proposal).¹ Under the S-SFA Proposal, investor-owned utilities (IOUs)² would aggregate Value of Distributed Energy Resource (VDER) “Value Stack” bill credits generated by participating solar PV and energy storage community distributed generation (CDG) projects (a practice referred to as credit pooling) and evenly distribute them among customers automatically enrolled in the utility’s low-income energy affordability program (EAP). The Commission adopted, with modifications, the recommendations set forth in the S-SFA Proposal in the S-SFA Order, for a Solar for All program to be administered at each of the IOUs that serve electric EAP customers residing in a disadvantaged community. The IOUs were directed to commence S-SFA credit distribution to eligible customers on December 1, 2025.

For a participating S-SFA CDG project, as adopted by the S-SFA Order, the Value Stack credits generated by the project are split into three portions: (1) a Customer Share to be used for participating customers’ benefit, based on the project’s compensation level; (2) a Utility Administrative Fee and (3) the remainder, which would be paid directly to the project owner. With regard to the Customer Share, the Commission adopted a Standard Offer approach, where a pre-specified percentage of a project’s total Value Stack compensation (referred to as the Compensation Level) would be paid to the project for its monthly generation via the net crediting mechanism, with the remaining portion added to the customer credit pool, less utility administrative fees. The Compensation Level accepted by a project would remain with the project for 25 years, consistent with the VDER compensation term.

The Commission directed NYSEDA to develop a process for determining Compensation Levels for participating S-SFA solar PV and energy storage projects, based on factors including prevailing project economics; the project’s technology type; the utility territory and/or NYISO load zone;

¹ Cases 19-E-0735 and 14-M-0224, Department of Public Service Staff Proposal on a Statewide Solar for All Program (filed May 19, 2023).

² The IOUs include Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (O&R), New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E).

whether or not the project previously received the Market Transition Credit (MTC), Community Credit (CC), Community Adder incentive (CA) or Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA); and whether or not the project received the federal Low-Income Bonus Tax Credit (LICBTC). For projects receiving a NY-Sun incentive, the customer share shall be set at a minimum of 10%, plus the utility administrative fee. The Standard Offer compensation levels will be reviewed by Staff and NYSERDA on at least an annual basis, and NYSERDA was directed to file updated compensation level schedules with the Secretary to the Commission, on or before November 1 of each year, beginning on or before November 1, 2024.

Section 2: S-SFA Compensation Level Schedules

Table 1 specifies compensation levels for participating S-SFA CDG solar PV, paired solar-storage, and energy storage projects for the 2025 S-SFA program year (running from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025). For the purposes of S-SFA participation, a paired solar-storage project is defined as one whose nameplate capacity (in kilowatts of alternating current) for the energy storage component is 10% or greater than that of the solar PV component.

As authorized by the S-SFA Order, the S-SFA program will allow for a one-time election process whereby non-operational³ projects awarded the CA, CC, MTC, and/or ICSA prior to March 1, 2025 can elect to enroll in S-SFA by March 31, 2025.⁴ Projects awarded a CA, CC or MTC prior to March 1, 2025 will be allowed to retain this incentive for S-SFA participation purposes; however, projects awarded an ICSA will be required to give up their ICSA award upon enrolling in S-SFA.

As directed by the S-SFA Order, NYSERDA will make available a targeted incentive for solar PV and paired solar-storage projects participating in S-SFA (the S-SFA Adder) that do not receive a CA, CC, MTC or ICSA starting in 2025. The compensation levels specified in Table 1 will also apply to projects receiving the S-SFA Adder that enroll in the 2025 program year, with the possible exception of two categories of projects: (i) projects receiving funding from the federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund's Solar for All program (EPA SFA); and (ii) projects funded by program funds above and beyond those necessary to achieve the target of 10 gigawatts of distributed solar deployment by 2030, requested by NYSERDA to be utilized for additional NY-Sun incentives for CDG solar PV and subject to approval by the Commission.⁵ NYSERDA will update this filing to specify compensation level schedules for these project categories (if different from those specified in Table 1) based on additional guidance from the EPA with regard to EPA SFA and the Commission's ruling pertaining to NYSERDA's requests in its Post 10 GW Report.

³ A non-operational project is defined as one that has not received utility Permission to Operate (PTO).

⁴ Projects already in operation, i.e., that have received utility approval for PTO, cannot subsequently enroll in the S-SFA program.

⁵ See Case 21-E-0629, NYSERDA IRA-Post 10 GW Report (filed January 5, 2024).

Table 1: Compensation Levels for Projects Enrolling in Statewide Solar for All Between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 That Were Awarded Incentives Prior to March 1, 2025

Utility	Central Hudson Gas & Electric	Con Edison (NYISO Zone J)	Con Edison (NYISO Zones H and I)	National Grid	NYSEG	Orange & Rockland	RG&E
Standalone Energy Storage	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%
Solar PV and Paired Solar-Storage ⁶	87%	85%	86%	86%	87%	86%	87%
Solar PV and Paired Solar-Storage (50% Low Income Communities ITC)	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%

Table 2: Compensation Levels for Projects Enrolling in Statewide Solar for All Between December 1, 2024 and November 30, 2025 That Were Not Awarded Incentives Prior to March 1, 2025

Utility	Central Hudson Gas & Electric	Con Edison (NYISO Zone J)	Con Edison (NYISO Zones H and I)	National Grid	NYSEG	Orange & Rockland	RG&E
Standalone Energy Storage	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%
Solar PV and Paired Solar-Storage ⁷	87%	85%	86%	86%	87%	86%	87%
Solar PV and Paired Solar-Storage (Awarded Category 4 Low Income Communities Bonus Credit)	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%	76%

⁶ For the purposes of S-SFA participation, a paired solar-storage project is defined as one whose nameplate capacity (in kilowatts of alternating current) for the solar PV component is 10% or greater than that of the energy storage component or has a solar project that has received NY-Sun funding.

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