

Updated NY-Sun Operating Plan & New Capacity Blocks

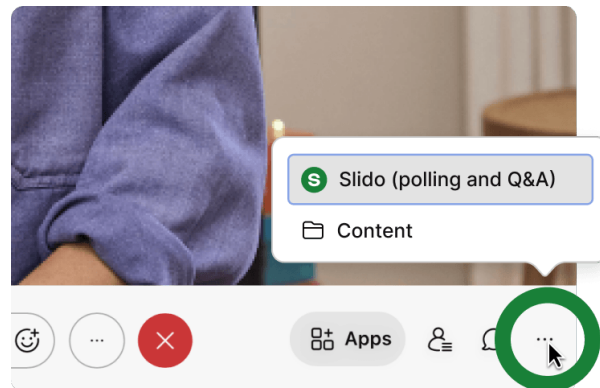
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AGENDA

- April 2025 PSC Order Approving NY-Sun Program Modifications
- Impact of Federal Policy Changes
- Status of NY-Sun Incentives
- New “SEEF Blocks”
- ICSA Application Process
- Additional Items

- On April 24, 2025, the Public Service Commission issued an “Order Approving NY-Sun Modifications” in response to NYSERDA projections of an expected budget surplus for the NY-Sun program.
- The Order authorizes up to \$150 million of the projected NY-Sun budget surplus for the purpose of incentivizing up to 500 MW of additional capacity beyond the 10 GW goal for projects participating in Statewide Solar for All, along with other program modifications.
- On July 16, 2025, NYSERDA filed a revised NY-Sun Operating Plan incorporating these changes.
- MW Block incentives will continue to be offered until the capacity previously authorized for each region and sector has been fully allocated. All “adders” incentives remain available to eligible projects applying to the MW Blocks.
- When the final MW Block in each region/sector closes, projects can continue to receive Solar Energy Equity Framework (SEEF) incentives (Affordable Solar, Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive, ICSA, S-SFA Adder) through new capacity blocks (“SEEF Blocks”).

IMPACT OF FEDERAL POLICY CHANGES

- The 2025 Federal Reconciliation Act makes significant changes to federal clean energy policy, including the eventual elimination of the federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for solar energy projects, and new requirements related to participation by Foreign Entities of Concern (FEOCs) in projects seeking the ITC.
- Recent and potential changes to federal trade policy, including import tariffs, are also likely to significantly impact solar project economics.
- The incentive block sizes and rates included in the July 2025 Operating Plan and described in this webinar are calculated based on an assumption of full tax credit and without factoring in costs associated with FEOC compliance or potential trade policy changes.
- As additional information and analysis becomes available NYSERDA will, in consultation with DPS and program stakeholders, adapt the NY-Sun program design to the maximum extent possible.

Residential solar:

- The standard MW Block residential incentive has been phased out in Con Edison and Long Island.
- The current Upstate Block 13 is the final MW Block for residential customers of Central Hudson and Orange & Rockland.
- There will be an additional Block 14 for customers of National Grid, NYSEG, and RG&E.
- Con Edison Residential SEEF Block 1 is currently open and available for projects serving low-to-moderate income (LMI) customers with Affordable Solar Residential Incentive.
- Green Jobs-Green NY Financing remains available, including for projects that do not receive a NY-Sun incentive.
- Residential energy storage incentives are now available statewide!

Non-residential solar:

- Upstate is open and on its final block.
- Con Edison blocks are open for Under 1 MW and Over 1 MW. Additional capacity will be added to the Con Edison Non-residential MW blocks per approved 10 GW plan.
- Incentive adders are still available for eligible projects, including Prevailing Wage, Beneficial Siting (brownfield, landfill, floating), Canopy (Con Edison only), and the Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive.
- Retail energy storage incentives are now available!

Commercial/Industrial solar:

- Block 21 of the Upstate Commercial/Industrial program was fully subscribed as of April 2025.
- NYSERDA will open “Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1” for community solar projects structured as either Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA) or Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA)
 - No incentives will be available for projects that are not participating in ICSA or S-SFA
 - Projects in the SEEF Blocks will be eligible to receive other incentive adders, including Prevailing Wage and Beneficial Siting (brownfield/landfill/floating) adders.
 - S-SFA and ICSA “fixed” incentive set at \$0.12 per Watt DC.
- Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VDER) compensation structure remains in place.

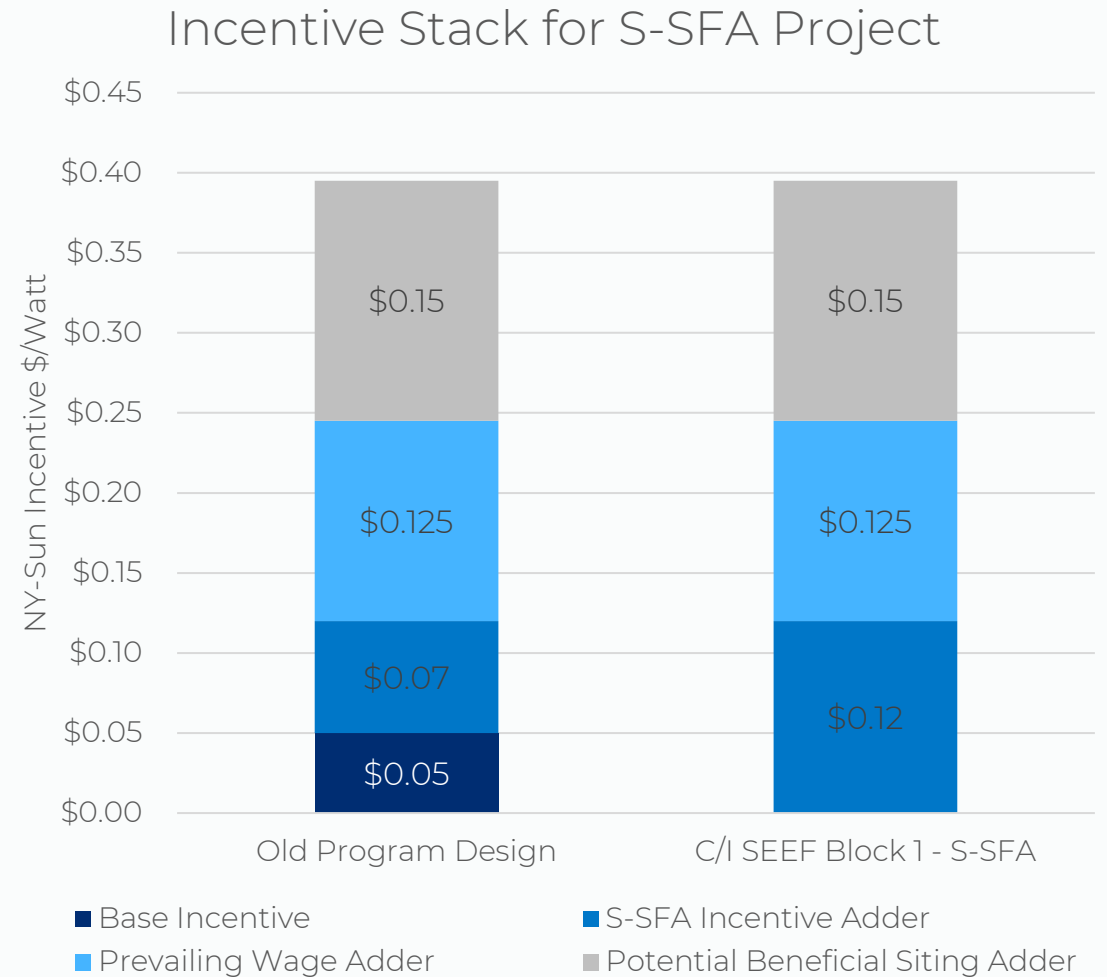
INITIAL SEEF BLOCKS

SEEF Block Name	MWdc	Incentive \$/Watt
Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1	400MW	\$0.12/Watt plus PW, Beneficial Siting adders
Upstate C/I SEEF Block 2 (planned)*	400MW	TBD
Upstate Res SEEF Block 1 (planned)	5MW	\$0.80/Watt
Con Edison Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive Block 1	20MW	\$1.60, \$2.00, or \$2.15/Watt (same as MAHI)
Con Edison Non-residential SEEF Block 1*	100MW	TBD
Con Edison Residential SEEF Block 1	5MW	\$0.80/Watt

**Projects in these blocks will utilize the additional 500 MW of capacity and \$150 million budget authorized for Statewide Solar for All in the April 2025 Order.*

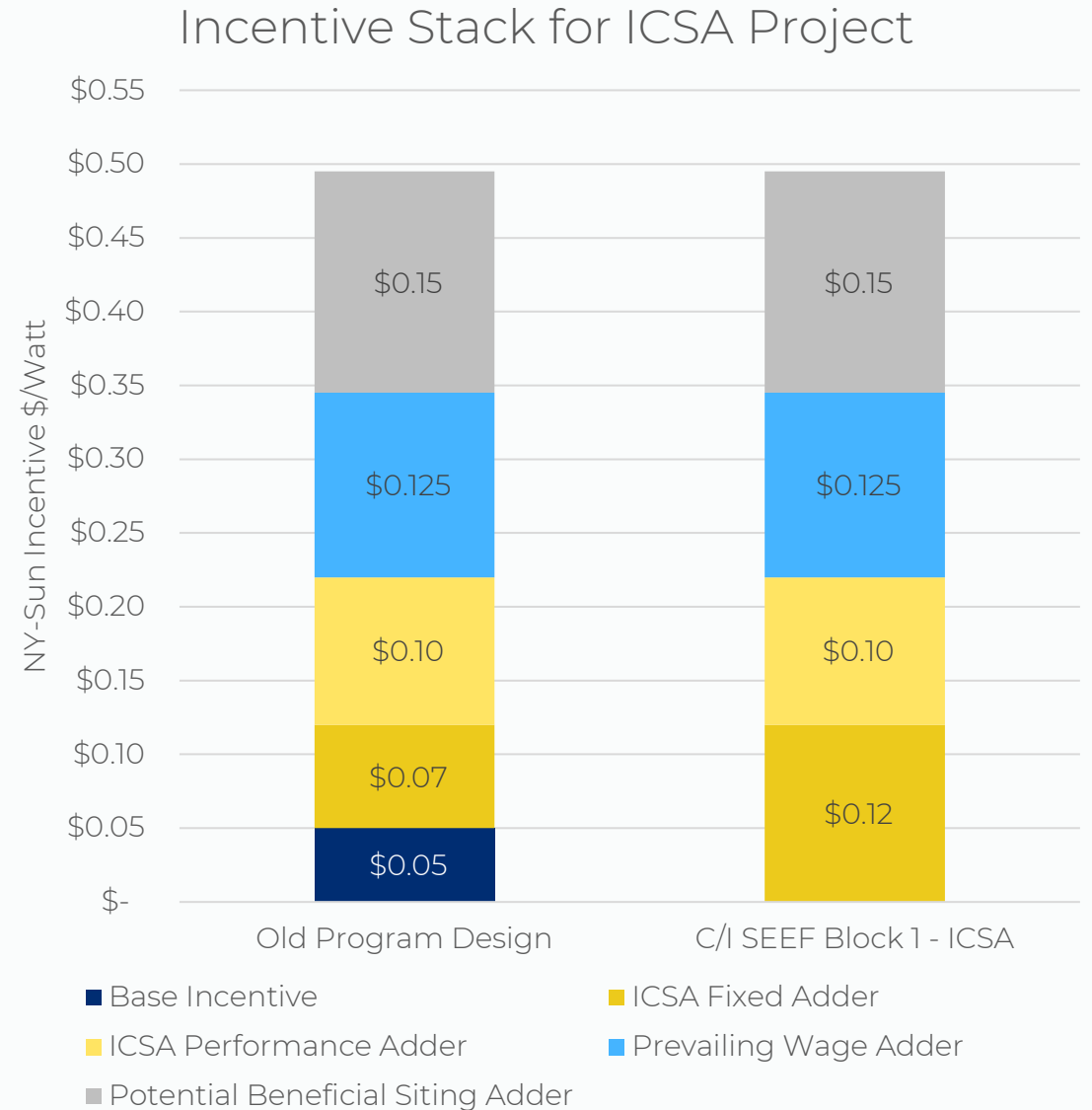
HOW WILL THE SEEF BLOCK 1 WORK FOR S-SFA?

- Total incentive amounts in the new Upstate Commercial/Industrial SEEF Blocks resemble those of C/I Block 21
- C/I SEEF Block 1 Rate will be \$0.12/Watt, representing a \$0.12/Watt S-SFA adder or fixed ICESA incentive amount
- SEEF Block 1 Projects can also take the Prevailing Wage Adder and Beneficial Siting Adders on top of the C/I SEEF Block incentive



HOW WILL SEEF BLOCK 1 WORK FOR ICSA?

- Total incentive amounts in the new Upstate Commercial/Industrial SEEF Blocks resemble those of C/I Block 21
- C/I SEEF Block 1 Rate will be \$0.12/Watt, representing a \$0.12/Watt S-SFA adder or fixed ICSA incentive amount
- SEEF Block 1 Projects can also take the Prevailing Wage Adder and Beneficial Siting Adders on top of the C/I SEEF Block incentive
- As with the current program, an ICSA Performance Adder will apply to the capacity filled with ICSA-eligible subscribers



S-SFA Project Path:

ICSA Project Path:

Step 1: Submit a NY-Sun Application

Fill out a NY-Sun application as done currently. The application will have a new "checkbox" option to indicate if the project intends to participate in S-SFA or ICSA.

Select "S-SFA Adder" checkbox.
Upload the utility enrollment confirmation.

Select "ICSA" checkbox.
No additional info needed for NY-Sun application.

Step 2: NYSERDA Review & ICSA Application (if applicable)

NYSERDA will review applications and issue award letters to approved applications.

NY-Sun award will include Prevailing Wage Adder, any Beneficial Siting Adders, and S-SFA Adder.

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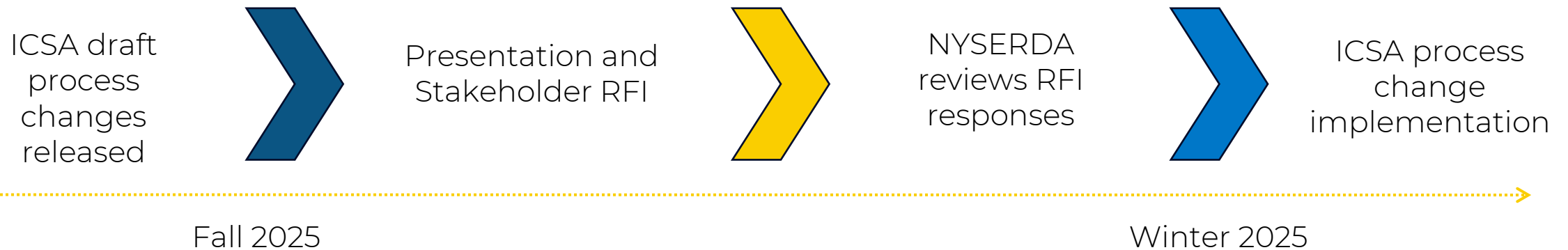
Step 3: Project Invoicing

The **entire** NY-Sun incentive is contingent upon project interconnecting and remaining S-SFA. Approved NY-Sun projects can invoice for the PW, S-SFA, and potential beneficial siting adders when the project is completed.

The **entire** NY-Sun incentive is contingent upon meeting and maintaining ICSA requirements. Projects will submit a NY-Sun commercial operation invoice (PW and/or Beneficial Siting) followed by an ICSA invoice. Commercial operation invoice is payable upon confirmation that minimum ICSA requirements have been met. ICSA fixed and performance incentive invoicing will follow the current structure (commercial operation + two annual payments)

ICSA application and awarding process streamlining

- Draft adjustments to be released for stakeholder feedback this fall
- Changes under consideration:
 - Separate application process for customer acquisition providers, de-coupled from project-level applications
 - Project applications identify which pre-screened CA provider they will use, less detail on project-level acquisition strategy
- Current rules apply until any changes are finalized in a revised Program Manual



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



Con Edison
Residential
Affordable Solar
Block 1 went live on
May 30, 2025



Updated NY-Sun
Operating Plan was
filed on July 16, 2025



Updated NY-Sun
Program Manual
describing SEEF Blocks
will be released in
September



Upstate C/I SEEF
Block 1 scheduled to
open in September

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- NY-Sun Dashboards will be updated. Current ICESA Dashboard will be removed and Upstate Commercial/Industrial SEEF Block 1 Dashboard will be added.
- NYSERDA will allow awarded Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1 projects a single switch between ICESA and S-SFA while in Approved status. We strongly encourage that this be done at the same time as any contract assignment and other modifications!
- Projects with current NY-Sun awards can continue to apply for the ICESA.
- Future Upstate C/I SEEF Block 2 will be limited to S-SFA projects.
- NYSERDA is in the process of implementing a \$249 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's Solar For All program. This funding will support additional residential, multifamily, and community solar projects with low-income beneficiaries.
- NYSERDA's residential and retail (commercial) energy storage incentive blocks are now open!

Questions & Answers



Appendix



ICSA BASED ON PROJECT TYPE - UPSTATE

Project Type in Application	Project Characteristics	Incentive (\$/watt)	Capacity
Upstate SEEF Block 1 - No CC, CA, or MW Block (fixed \$0.12/w ICSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDG project • Did not receive MW Block • Did not receive Community Adder • All Round 2 ICSA rules apply 	<p>There are two components to this tier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.10 per Watt will be applied to the capacity allocated to eligible subscribers. • \$0.12 per Watt will be applied to the project's full capacity provided they meet all NY-Sun and ICSA requirements at completion. 	400 MW SEEF Block – 1
Upstate Project without Community Credit or Community Adder (fixed \$0.07/w ICSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDG project • Received MW Block • Did not receive Community Adder • All Round 2 ICSA rules apply 	<p>There are two components to this tier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.10 per Watt will be applied to the capacity allocated to eligible subscribers. • \$0.07 per Watt will be applied to the project's full capacity provided they meet all NY-Sun and ICSA requirements at completion. 	No pre-defined capacity block
Upstate Project that received the Community Adder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDG project • Received MW Block • Received Community Adder • All Round 2 ICSA rules apply 	\$0.10	
Upstate project that received Phase One NEM, the Market Transition Credit, or the Community Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDG project • Received Phase One NEM, the Market Transition Credit, or the Community Credit • All Round 2 ICSA rules apply 	\$0.05	