

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

Updates



New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Dear New York State EV stakeholders and Drive Clean Rebate, New York Truck Voucher Incentive Program (NYTVIP), and Charge Ready NY Participating Contractors,

We hope that this email finds you and your loved ones well. As we all know, these are extraordinarily difficult days. Our first priority is supporting Governor Cuomo's COVID-19 response and protecting the well-being of New Yorkers. We recognize the health crisis and work shutdowns have caused disruptions to your business. But we also know that the State's clean energy and climate policies cannot be ignored. Establishing and maintaining stability in these critical areas will be key for recovery after this health crisis subsides. This approach will also help ensure that New York remains positioned to meet Governor Cuomo's nation-leading climate commitments.

NYSERDA remains open for business. Our physical offices are closed but all staff are working remotely with access to our systems and network. The Drive Clean Rebate, NYTVIP, and Charge Ready NY application portals remain open and you can contact any member of our teams using phone or email.

With the absolute priority being on preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting the health of all New Yorkers, on March 30 Governor Cuomo issued [Executive Order 202.13](#) clarifying that only certain construction constitutes essential construction, and authorized the Empire State Development (ESD) to determine which construction is essential and thereby exempt from the in-person workforce prohibition. ESD has posted Essential Construction Guidance and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for the energy industry, which defines what construction activity qualifies as essential or emergency-related. Please review the [FAQ guidelines](#) which provides guidance regarding the specific categories of projects that are considered essential.

Also, on March 31, NYSERDA issued updated [guidance to our contractors](#) regarding changes to our programs in response to COVID-19. As such, New York State is pausing new electric vehicle charging station construction projects until further notice. The operation and maintenance of existing charging stations is considered essential and may continue. Please review these guidelines including the specific categories of projects that are considered

essential.

NYSERDA's work will continue in part on the Drive Clean Rebate, NYTVIP, and Charge Ready NY:

- **For the Drive Clean Rebate**, car dealers may continue to submit new applications and updated information for previously submitted applications. NYSERDA will extend the allowable period for submissions for recent sales beyond the typical 60 days.
- **For the NYTVIP**, truck and bus dealers may continue to submit new voucher applications and additional documentation for previously submitted applications and previously approved vouchers. NYSERDA will extend the allowable period for deliveries of vehicles on an as needed basis.
- **For Charge Ready NY, new program applications will not be accepted starting today, April 3, until further notice.** Charging equipment owners may continue to submit documentation for previously submitted applications. NYSERDA will extend the allowable period for installations of pre-approved charging stations beyond 180 days on an as needed basis and will extend the period for applying to Charge Ready NY after an installation is completed beyond 90 days for stations installed since January 1, 2020. NYSERDA will provide additional information on program deadlines in the future.
- For all three programs, NYSERDA will continue to review applications already received and make payments as these applications are approved.

Please be advised, this is a fluid situation and additional program updates will be provided as quickly as possible to address questions that have been raised with our team. We are also examining additional program processes that could be transitioned to a virtual approach to minimize disruptions.

Additionally, NYSERDA and DPS will continue to seek input from the industry as to the impacts being experienced as a result of COVID-19, potential programmatic modifications which may be responsive to these conditions, and ideas that can be considered to support the industry in ramping back up as the health crisis subsides. Written comments are invited and all comments should refer to "Case 18-E-0138" and be submitted by e-filing, through the Department of Public Service's Document and Matter Management System (DMM), or by email to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov. You can register with [DMM online](#). Comments submitted by e-filing or email will be posted in DMM.

We hope you can join both the NYSERDA Clean Transportation team and DPS Staff for an informational webinar on April 10, 2020 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. ET. We will also continue to

seek industry input beyond this webinar. Interested attendees are encouraged to register in advance at the link below:

NYSERDA Clean Transportation & DPS Informational Webinar

Friday, April 10, 2020

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. ET

Via WebEx/teleconference

[**Register for the Webinar**](#)

Please continue to reach out to any member of our team with questions or concerns. Even during these uncertain times, our commitment to growing New York's clean energy sector remains steadfast and we value our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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