

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 17-M-0315 - In the Matter of the Utility Energy Registry.

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

NOTICE INITIATING MATTER AND SEEKING COMMENT
ON UTILITY ENERGY REGISTRY

(Issued June 12, 2017)

In the Public Service Commission's Order Adopting a Ratemaking and Utility Revenue Model Policy Framework, issued May 19, 2016 in Case 14-M-0101 (REV Track 2 Order), the Commission called on the electric utilities to work with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to continue developing and updating NYSEDA's contracted pilot project, the Utility Energy Registry (UER). As background, in 2012, NYSEDA organized a voluntary utility working group through the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Coordinator Pilot Program to create a standard "Community Energy Report." Building on the Community Energy Report, NYSEDA developed the UER portal in 2015 to host the data from the Community Energy Reports.

The UER is an online platform intended to offer streamlined public access to community-scale utility energy demographics. The UER is designed to collect aggregated data for electricity and natural gas, segmented by customer type and by zip code, in order to inform clean energy planning, implementation, and assessment of locally-defined, community-scale clean energy initiatives and to facilitate tracking of clean energy programs. In compliance with the REV Track 2 Order, a working group consisting of NYSEDA and the Joint Utilities has been discussing issues surrounding the UER. To

date, the UER pilot project demonstrated the technical feasibility of voluntary usage data aggregation with select utilities.

At this time, the UER has the capability to accept and report on the following data sets: aggregated monthly and annual customer counts and electric and gas consumption in MWhs and MMBTUs organized by the revenue class definitions (Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Public Street Lighting, and Public Authorities), broken down geospatially by tax districts or zip codes and community boundaries (cities, towns and villages) using franchise tax identification numbers. NYSERDA has indicated to Department of Public Service Staff that the UER prototype has been technically successful and has the capacity to accept additional data.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commission seeks comments on the issue of (1) whether large, investor-owned energy utilities¹ should be directed to populate and regularly update the UER and (2) what data should be included in the UER. In particular, commenters should focus on whether the list of data sets available in the UER should be expanded or modified, and specifically, what data would be necessary or useful to permit the UER to serve particular purposes, including, but not limited to, planning and implementation of Community Choice Aggregation

¹ Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., National Grid, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. and National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation.

(CCA) programs. Population of the UER would be subject to the 15/15 aggregation privacy policy adopted by the Commission.²

Interested parties are invited to submit comments by July 31, 2017. To consider issues related to the UER, a new matter is initiated, Case 17-M-0315, In the Matter of the Utility Energy Registry. All filings should refer to "Case 17-M-0315" and be submitted to the Secretary by e-filing through the Department of Public Service's Document and Matter Management System (DMM)³ or by e-mail to the Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Those unable to file electronically may mail or deliver their comments to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All comments submitted to the Secretary will be posted on the Commission's website and become part of the official case record.

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² Case 16-M-0411, In the Matter of Distributed System Implementation Plans, Order on Distributed System Implementation Plan Filings at 25-28 (issued March 9, 2017). The 15/15 standard means that an aggregated data set may be shared only if it contains at least 15 customers, with no single customer representing more than 15% of the total load for the group. This standard would apply to data being submitted to the UER.

³ See DMM Help: Electronic Filing Registration Instructions, at <http://www.dps.ny.gov/e-file/registration.html>.