

# SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### **NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT**: Public Service Commission's Proceedings

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To conduct oversight of the Public Service Commission's processes related to rate

case and generic proceedings, and to review the Department of Public Service's efforts to implement and achieve the goals of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. The hearing will help garner perspective on how the Commission

and the Department can function more effectively.

Tuesday September 30, 2025 10:00 AM Senate Hearing Room, 19<sup>th</sup> Fl 250 Broadway New York, NY 10007

#### ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

The Public Service Commission ("PSC") is the primary regulatory authority charged with oversight of New York's electric, gas, water, and telecommunication utilities. Under statute, its mission is to ensure safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. It conducts formal proceedings to set utility delivery rates and establish rules and regulations for utilities to follow, including rate cases and generic policy matters. The Department of Public Service ("DPS" or "Department") functions as the staff arm of the PSC and provides technical and legal expertise to support the Commission's responsibilities.

Together, the Commission and Department also carry out key state policy objectives under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("CLCPA"), particularly those tied to utility regulation and energy system planning. Their decisions have a direct impact on how utilities deliver service, customer bills, and the State's clean energy progress as a whole.

Many stakeholders have raised concerns about how PSC and DPS carry out rate cases and generic policy proceedings. Additionally, while the CLCPA requires all state agencies to factor in climate and equity in major decisions, questions remain about how consistently these mandates are applied in PSC proceedings, including under sections 7(2) and 7(3) of the law.

This hearing will allow the Legislature to examine whether the PSC's current structure, practices, and priorities align with state law and our green energy objectives. The Committees will explore ways to improve transparency, broaden public participation, and ensure that decisions reflect the needs of all New Yorkers. Through the testimony garnered in this hearing, it is our hope that the Legislature can identify practical reforms to strengthen oversight and support affordability and equity.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and Energy and Telecommunications Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and Energy and Telecommunications Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

Attendees and participants at any legislative public hearing should be aware that these proceedings are video recorded. Their likenesses may be included in any video coverage shown on television or the internet.

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Senator Leroy Comrie Chair, Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Senator Kevin Parker Chair, Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

## PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on the Public Service Commissions' proceedings are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible: by **Monday**, **September 15** for those seeking to testify in person, and by **Friday**, **September 26** for those seeking to **only submit** written testimony. Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to both:

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## **Oral Testimony by Invitation Only**

	I plan to attend the public hearing on to be conducted by the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and Energy and Telecommunications Committees on September 30, 2025.
	I plan to make a public statement at the above hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
	I will address my remarks to the following subjects:
	I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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