



Annual Report 2025

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Energy and Telecommunications

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins,

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications for the 2025 Legislative Session.

As Chair, I am proud to lead our committee's continued efforts to address the critical energy and telecommunications issues facing New York State. During this Session, the Committee met seven times and reported **107 bills** out of committee. Of those, **54 bills** advanced to passage on the Senate floor.

In addition, the Committee held joint meetings with the Senate Committee on Finance to provide advice and consent on several of the Governor's nominations requiring Senate confirmation.

These legislative efforts reflect our commitment to building a more sustainable, affordable, and equitable energy future.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the Committee for their engagement and hard work throughout the year, and to you and the Majority Conference for your continued support and confidence in my leadership.

Yours in Partnership,

Senator Kevin S. Parker

Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

Jurisdiction and Overview

As Chair of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee, I am honored to present the 2025 Annual Report, reflecting our continued efforts to address the evolving challenges and seize the emerging opportunities within New York State's energy and telecommunications sectors. This year, our work has been guided by a steadfast commitment to equity, affordability, climate resilience, and a just transition to clean energy that benefits all communities across the State.

SENATOR PARKER'S 2025 ENERGY GOALS

As Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Senator Kevin S. Parker has outlined the following key priorities for New York's energy and telecommunications agenda in 2025:

1. Affordability for Ratepayers

- Ensure that utility costs remain fair and manageable for all New Yorkers, particularly low- and moderate-income households.
- Expand consumer protections and support programs for vulnerable populations facing economic hardship.
- Promote transparent and accountable rate setting processes to prevent unjustified increases.

2. Increase Sustainability and Expand New Energy Generation

- Accelerate the development and deployment of renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, and energy storage.
- Encourage public-private partnerships and State investment to scale clean energy infrastructure.
- Prioritize sustainability in energy planning, with a focus on meeting the mandates of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

3. Improve the Grid and Modernize Transmission Infrastructure

- Upgrade aging transmission lines and connect new renewable generation facilities to the grid efficiently and reliably.
- Strengthen grid resilience to withstand climate-related disruptions and demand fluctuations.
- Support smart grid technologies and distributed energy systems to improve system performance and local energy independence.

4. Expand Access to Broadband

- Close the digital divide by expanding high-speed internet access to underserved rural and urban communities.
- Promote equitable investment in broadband infrastructure and affordability programs.
- Modernize telecommunications regulations to ensure fair competition and innovation in digital access.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the Committee convened **seven formal in-Session meetings**, during which it considered and reported on **107 bills**. Of those, **54 were passed by the Senate**, reflecting strong momentum on critical energy and telecommunications policy initiatives.

KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Clean Energy Expansion

The Committee advanced legislation to support infrastructure for solar, wind, and energy storage technologies. Notably, we focused on strengthening offshore wind transmission planning and promoting clean energy adoption in underserved communities.

However, federal actions during this period created significant barriers to progress. The new federal administration's decisions to terminate a key offshore wind project and withdraw critical federal funding severely undermined New York's ability to meet its Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) mandates. These setbacks delayed essential clean energy projects and presented serious challenges to our climate goals.

Utility Accountability and Affordability

With inflationary pressures and economic uncertainty driven by global events, the Committee prioritized affordability, transparency, and reliability in utility services. Legislative efforts included:

- Improving service reliability
- Enhancing transparency in rate-setting processes
- Expanding protections for low-income utility customers

In response to external political forces and economic volatility, New York continues to lead in ensuring that energy and telecommunications services remain fair and accessible.

IMPACT OF GLOBAL CONFLICTS ON ENERGY PRICES

Impact of Global Conflicts and Federal Policy on New York's Energy Costs

Global conflicts in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia—combined with aggressive and destabilizing foreign policies by the current federal administration—have directly impacted energy prices in New York. Disruptions to global oil and gas markets have pushed and will continue to push costs up statewide.

These rising costs have strained New Yorkers, especially low-income households and small businesses, while undermining energy affordability across the State. Compounding this, the White House's tariffs and a lack of federal support for cross-border energy infrastructure have slowed clean energy imports from Canada, including hydroelectric power critical to New York's grid reliability and emissions goals.

Meanwhile, global market volatility underscores the urgency of New York's clean energy transition. Our State is investing in domestic renewables, modernizing transmission systems, and working to reduce fossil fuel price shocks. As federal leadership continues to escalate international tensions and push shortsighted trade policies, New York remains focused on building a resilient, affordable, and independent energy future for all its residents.

Our aggressive clean energy investments and transition strategies are designed to build a resilient, sustainable, and self-sufficient energy system capable of withstanding future global disruptions.

Tariffs, Cross-Border Energy, and Political Challenges

Recent policies at the federal level have imposed unnecessary and counterproductive tariffs that are straining energy markets and increasing costs for American families. These policies, often rooted in political posturing rather than sound economic strategy, have disrupted vital supply chains and undermined long-standing energy partnerships, especially with Canada, a key ally and supplier of clean hydroelectric power and natural gas to New York and other northern states.

These misguided tariffs are doing severe harm to everyday Americans. By driving up energy prices, increasing inflationary pressure, and stifling trade with our northern neighbors, these actions disproportionately impact working families and small businesses already struggling with high utility bills and economic uncertainty. For northern states like New York, which rely on cross-border energy trade to meet climate and reliability goals, the consequences are especially severe.

Additionally, federal leaders' opposition to critical cross-border infrastructure investments, often paired with budget cuts to federal energy and environmental programs, has further delayed progress on clean energy deployment and grid modernization. These shortsighted decisions not only harm state-level climate initiatives, but also put national energy security and economic competitiveness at risk.

It is imperative that those in leadership recognize their responsibility to govern on behalf of the entire country, not just their political base. Instead of advancing tired and divisive rhetoric, policymakers should prioritize pragmatic, forward-looking solutions that promote stability, energy affordability, and environmental sustainability for all Americans. The challenges we face, rising global energy prices, climate risks, and the need for resilient infrastructure require national unity and serious, cooperative governance.

Telecommunications Access and Equity

Expanding broadband access and modernizing regulatory frameworks remained central to the Committee's telecommunications agenda. Legislative priorities included:

- Promoting broadband affordability
- Expanding access in rural and underserved urban communities
- Supporting deployment of next-generation internet technologies

Climate Justice and Grid Modernization

In alignment with the CLCPA, the Committee advanced legislation to support:

- Electrification and grid decarbonization
- Investments in environmental justice communities
- Infrastructure modernization to meet long-term energy needs

Oversight and Executive Appointments

In collaboration with the Senate Committee on Finance, the Energy and Telecommunications Committee participated in joint sessions to provide advice and consent on Executive nominations for key energy and public service leadership roles. These reviews ensure competent and accountable leadership within State energy agencies and public authorities.

CONCLUSION

Despite considerable external challenges, including federal rollbacks, global conflicts, and economic instability, the Committee made noteworthy progress in advancing legislation to strengthen New York's energy and telecommunications systems.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee for their dedication, expertise, and collaborative efforts throughout the 2025 Session. I remain committed to continuing our work to deliver a cleaner, more resilient, and more affordable energy future for all New Yorkers.

New York State Senator

Kevin S. Parker

Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Energy and Telecommunications
New York State Senate Senior Assistant to the Leader

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

UTILITY REGULATION AND CONSUMER PROTECTIONS

S1194B (Addabbo) – 45-Day Notice for Rate Hikes

- **Importance:** Strengthens consumer protection by ensuring transparency and preparation time before utility rate increases.
- **Energy Impact:** Promotes accountability from electric and gas utilities; supports public trust in utility regulation.
- **Telecom Impact:** Indirect, but sets a precedent for utility notification standards.

S1848 (Harckham) – Property Owner Notification

- **Importance:** Prevents surprise utility installations or service actions on private property.
- **Energy Impact:** Protects stakeholders' rights and may help avoid service disputes or damage.
- **Telecom Impact:** Could serve as a model for similar notification policies for broadband or telecom infrastructure deployments.

S2182A (Hinchey) – Estimated Billing

- **Importance:** Allows billing flexibility in limited cases, such as meter access issues.
- **Energy Impact:** Recognizes operational constraints while maintaining service continuity.
- **Telecom Impact:** Not directly applicable but reinforces fair billing practices.

S1327 (Parker) – Relates to establishing minimum standards for payment plans for eligible customers

- **Importance:** Establishes fair, consistent payment plan standards for eligible utility customers, helping prevent disconnections and protect vulnerable populations.
- **Energy Impact:** Increases access and affordability for essential gas and electric services, supports energy equity, and aligns climate justice goals. Reduces shutoffs, improving public health and grid reliability.
- **Telecom Impact:** No direct impact but sets a consumer protection precedent that could inspire similar affordability measures in broadband or telecom sectors.

INFRASTRUCTURE & SYSTEM EFFICIENCY

S2457B (Ramos) – Mechanical Insulation Energy Savings Program

- **Importance:** Supports building efficiency and energy savings in industrial/commercial spaces.
- **Energy Impact:** Helps lower energy consumption and emissions through infrastructure upgrades.
- **Telecom Impact:** Indirect relevance, though energy-efficient infrastructure may support data centers or exchanges.

S2462B (Gianaris) – NYPA Conferral Process Reform

- **Importance:** Alters how the New York Power Authority engages with stakeholders.
- **Energy Impact:** May modernize governance, enhance responsiveness, or increase transparency at NYPA.
- **Telecom Impact:** Limited but could influence coordination on shared infrastructure like poles.

RESEARCH & CLEAN ENERGY FEASIBILITY

S2479 (Parker) – Brooklyn College Micro-grid Study

- **Importance:** Promotes energy resilience and decentralization through campus-based microgrids.
- **Energy Impact:** Could lead to replication in other institutional or municipal settings, enhancing local grid stability.
- **Telecom Impact:** Reliable energy benefits telecom continuity during outages.

S2481 (Parker) – Hydrogen Feasibility Study

- **Importance:** Evaluates hydrogen's role in NY's clean energy future.
- **Energy Impact:** Key step toward decarbonizing heating and industrial sectors.
- **Telecom Impact:** Potential for backup power or clean energy in telecom hubs in the future.

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SCHOOLS

S2482 (Parker) & S8402 (Parker) – Go Green Schools Act

- **Importance:** Assists schools in transitioning to renewable energy systems (e.g., solar, wind, geothermal).
- **Energy Impact:** Advances NY's climate goals, lowers school energy costs, and promotes environmental education.
- **Telecom Impact:** Minimal direct impact, though schools may serve as community emergency centers with enhanced energy reliability.

TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY

S6997A (Ryan C) – Pole Attachment Enforcement

- **Importance:** Improves safety and quality of telecom and utility pole attachments (used for broadband, electric lines, etc.).
- **Energy Impact:** Critical for electric utilities to ensure grid safety and minimize outages.
- **Telecom Impact:** Directly improves telecom deployment, safety, and maintenance, especially in fiber and 5G expansion.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2025, these 13 bills moved through the Committee and passed in both houses of the Legislature.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S01194B	Addabbo	Requires gas and electric corporations to provide forty-five days' notice to customers whenever there is a service rate or charge increase.	Vetoed Memorandum 80
S01848	Harckham	Requires utilities to notify property owners prior to beginning any non-emergency construction or other work that may interfere with a property owner's ability to use, or access such owner's property; requires notice to include, but not limited to, a description of the work to be performed, the expected duration of such work, the location of such work, any road closures or detours that may occur due to such work, any action that may directly and materially impact the use of such property, and the contact information for the utility performing such work; provides notice may include electronic communications, signage, and written materials; exempts cases where a natural or man-made disaster or state of emergency occurs.	Vetoed Memorandum 82
S02182A	Hinchey	Permits the rendering of an estimated bill from a utility corporation or municipality under certain circumstances; requires each utility corporation and municipality within six months to submit to the commission a model for the calculation of and procedures for estimated bills that incorporates best practices and technology and accounts for any barriers to the use of actual meter readings.	Vetoed Memorandum 83
S02457B	Ramos	Establishes the mechanical insulation energy savings program to provide grants for qualified mechanical insulation expenditures to school districts, public hospitals, public housing buildings, and political subdivisions that have completed a qualified audit. Eff. Date 09/05/2025	Chaptered 363
S02462B	Gianaris	Enacts the "public renewables transparency act"; relates to the New York power authority's conferral process; requires the conferral report be posted on the authority's website; provides that the authority shall provide an option for stakeholders to submit comments remotely as well, and incorporate feedback from such sessions and written comments into the final draft of the strategic plan; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 679
S02479	Parker	Requires the New York state energy research and development authority conduct a study on Brooklyn College constructing a micro-grid to study the feasibility, efficiency, and energy saving costs if such a micro-grid was constructed on campus.	Vetoed Memorandum 84

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Act
S04881A	Scarcella-Spanton	Requires contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to use apprenticeship agreements; requires thermal energy networks to require contractors and subcontractors to use pre-apprenticeship direct entry providers registered with the department of labor.	Substituted By A2730A - Chaptered 362
S05509	Parker	Provides any entity which leases excavation equipment to the public with the telephone number of the system and a sample or model notice informing lessees of excavation equipment of the system and their responsibilities relating to the protection of underground facilities.	Substituted By A6768 - Chaptered 495
S06277	Scarcella-Spanton	Creates the state office of the utility consumer advocate to represent interests of residential utility customers including a proposed change of rates, charges, terms and conditions of service, the adoption of rules, regulations, guidelines, orders, standards or final policy decisions.	Substituted By A2468 - Vetoed Memorandum 60
S06997A	Ryan C	Relates to enforcement of pole attachment safety and quality and utility pole and attachment identification.	Chaptered 700

GUEST COMMITTEE SPEAKERS

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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S00098A	Comrie	Requires electric corporations build make-ready infrastructure to facilitate the charging of electric public serving fleet vehicles.	Passed the Senate
S00120A	Cleare	Prohibits termination of electricity or heat service during forecasts of more than ninety-five degrees or less than thirty-two degrees.	Passed the Senate
S00597	Hinchey	Establishes the “small water utility transparency act”; requires the public service commission and the department of environmental conservation to conduct audits of certain private water companies; requires certain private water companies which are under certain investigations to file public updates on the status of compliance with such orders.	Passed the Senate
S00641A	Ryan S	Enacts the “home utility weatherization jobs act”; requires each gas corporation, electric corporation, or combination gas or electric corporation to submit to the public service commission for review and approval at least one and up to ten neighborhood scale weatherization and electrification-ready projects.	Passed the Senate
S00904B	Gonzalez	Prohibits utility corporations from imposing late fees, interest, or penalties during an investigation by the commission; allows retroactive late fees, interest, or penalties if a determination is made in favor of such utility corporation; prohibits utility services from being terminated during an investigation by the commission; requires utility corporations to notify customers of investigations; requires notice to the general public; requires the public service commission to prepare reports on investigatory proceedings relating to gas, electric, and steam service.	Senate Rules
S00980	Rolison	Requires the public service commission hold public hearings on increases in utility rates, fees, rentals, or charges.	Reported to Senate Consumer Protection
S01047	Salazar	Directs the New York state energy research and development authority to establish a ride clean rebate program for electric assist bicycles and electric scooters; defines terms; provides a fifty percent rebate for eligible purchases.	Passed the Senate
S01060	Serrano	Limits certain charging practices by companies that provide prepaid telephone calling cards and increases fines for violations of limitation requirements.	Passed the Senate
S01105	Mattera	Directs the New York state energy research and development authority to conduct a feasibility study and prepare a report on the benefits and implementation of geothermal energy.	Reported to Senate Finance

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S01194B	Addabbo	Requires gas and electric corporations to provide forty-five days' notice to customers whenever there is a service rate or charge increase.	Vetoed Memorandum 80
S01227A	May	Authorizes and directs the department of public service to conduct a study on the deployment of energy interconnection processes into the electrical grid to meet the state's renewable energy goals; directs the department of public service to submit a report on its findings one year after the effective date.	Senate Rules
S01326	Parker	Relates to establishing discount programs for low-income senior citizens and individuals with a disability; provides that utilities, waterworks corporations, telephone corporations and cable television companies shall create discount programs that provide a 10 percent discount to low-income senior citizens and individuals with a disability; defines terms.	Senate Rules
S01327	Parker	Relates to establishing minimum standards for payment plans for eligible customers; requires the public service commission to set standards for payment plans for certain customers including reasonableness of agreements and timelines for payment; establishes eligibility.	Passed the Senate
S01328	Parker	Relates to requiring the establishment of utility customer arrears reporting; requires utilities to report to the public service commission on customers who are in arrears.	Senate Rules
S01329	Parker	Directs the department of public service to adjust each utility corporation's residential fixed charge upon such corporation's filing with the department of an amendment of rate schedules, to recover only the fixed costs and operation and maintenance expenses directly related to metering, billing, service connections and the provision of customer service.	Passed the Senate
S01330	Parker	Relates to requiring the establishment of automatic payment plans; requires utility companies headquartered in New York to establish a statewide program to provide eligible participants with affordable payment plans.	Passed the Senate
S01331	Parker	Creates a revolving loan fund through the New York state energy research and development authority for the purpose of building renewable energy storage systems scaled to function as microgrids to power housing owned by the New York city housing authority.	Reported to Senate Finance

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S01334	Parker	Relates to establishing discount programs for veterans; provides that utilities, waterworks corporations, telephone corporations and cable television companies shall create discount programs that provide a 10 percent discount to veterans; defines terms.	Senate Rules
S01335B	Parker	Relates to the municipal sustainable energy loan program regarding qualifying water improvements, qualifying resiliency improvements and the use of low carbon intensity building components.	Passed the Senate
S01456	Kavanagh	Requires certain watercraft, aircrafts, and trains to use clean energy, including ensuring such vehicles are zero-emissions; requires NYSERDA to study zero-emission commercial vehicles, the use of renewable energy in publicly funded airports, and the use of sustainable aviation fuel; requires NYSERDA to administer a grant program to flying schools and clubs that install charging infrastructure.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01535	Parker	Relates to establishing requirements and penalties for combination utility companies during service outages; provides that a penalty for failure to reasonably comply with requirements that protect the overall reliability and continuity of combination utility company services shall be up to one hundred dollars per violation or for a pattern or practice of such violations up to one thousand dollars per violation.	Passed the Senate
S01544	Parker	Establishes energy efficiency measures by the public service commission and NYSERDA including requiring utilities to hire and train employees who are from priority populations or living in areas designated as environmental justice communities.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01549	Parker	Establishes a program for eligible zero emissions energy systems to promote private sector investment for the purpose of meeting the target that by the year two thousand forty the statewide electrical demand system will be zero emissions.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01551	Parker	Prohibits the release of a consumer's electrical or gas consumption data to any police officer, or private, local, state or federal law enforcement entity without a judicial court-ordered subpoena, warrant or the consumer's written consent.	Senate Rules

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S01552	Parker	Relates to the establishment of reduced residential rates for electric and natural gas service to low-income customers.	Reported to Senate Finance
S01553	Parker	Provides that credits for excess electricity generated by customer-generators subject to net energy metering by an electric corporation or the Long Island power authority may be carried over indefinitely and used against any charges imposed by an electric corporation or the Long Island power authority when the customer-generator uses more electricity than such customer generates; provides for the accounting of credits once every 5 years and the electric corporation or Long Island power authority shall reimburse the customer-generator for the accumulated credits.	Passed the Senate
S01574	Krueger	Establishes the electric landscaping equipment rebate program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and reduce noise pollution by promoting the adoption of quieter, zero-emission landscaping equipment; provides for rebates at the point of sale for applicants purchasing or leasing certain equipment; provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.	On Calendar 421 Opposite House
S01668	Harckham	Authorizes the New York state energy research and development authority to administer a program to provide grants or loans for the costs related to enabling switching residences with propane or fuel-oil heating systems to efficient electric heat pumps.	Passed the Senate
S01701	Mayer	Relates to strengthening of utility storm response and compliance by reviewing mitigating factors including but not limited to mitigating factors and the specifics surrounding the violation or violations.	Passed the Senate
S01721A	Hinchey	Enacts the "utility penalty adjustment"; adjusts utility penalties to account for inflation; increases such penalties and ties them to inflation after January 1, 2027.	Senate Rules
S01837	Hinchey	Requires a study on the national electric safety code line height standard for overhead utility lines and communication lines as such relate to the height of agricultural equipment and other heavy duty equipment.	Passed the Senate
S01846	Comrie	Requires utility companies to reimburse consumers for spoilage of food and medication due to the lack of refrigeration in the event of a power outage lasting seventy-two hours or more.	Senate Rules

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S01847	Comrie	Requires consideration of evidence relating to the economic impact of major increases of rates or charges upon consumers and the areas affected by such increases of rates or charges prior to approval of any such rates or charges; establishes minimum data to be considered by the public service commission relating to such economic impact.	Passed the Senate
S01848	Harckham	Requires utilities to notify property owners prior to beginning any non-emergency construction or other work that may interfere with a property owner's ability to use, or access such owner's property; requires notice to include, but not limited to, a description of the work to be performed, the expected duration of such work, the location of such work, any road closures or detours that may occur due to such work, any action that may directly and materially impact the use of such property, and the contact information for the utility performing such work; provides notice may include electronic communications, signage, and written materials; exempts cases where a natural or man-made disaster or state of emergency occurs.	Vetoed Memorandum 82
S01896	Mayer	Requires electric corporations, gas corporations, steam corporations and water-works corporations to adopt the common equity ratio and rate of return on equity authorized by the public service commission unless such utility can successfully demonstrate that such authorized rates do not meet their capital and/or operating needs.	Passed the Senate
S02011	Parker	Directs the department of state and the public service commission to study and report upon the prevalence of the disclosure by public utilities, cable television companies and cellular telephone service providers to credit reporting agencies of late payments and defaults in payment of fees and charges by consumers.	On Calendar 792 Opposite House
S02032	Harckham	Establishes the previously owned zero-emission vehicles rebate program to provide an incentive of an amount up to \$2,000 for individuals who purchase used or previously owned zero-emission vehicles.	Passed the Senate
S02086	Kavanagh	Increases the statewide energy storage capacity to six gigawatts by the year 2030.	Senate Rules
S02182A	Hinchey	Permits the rendering of an estimated bill from a utility corporation or municipality under certain circumstances; requires each utility corporation and municipality within six months to submit to the commission a model for the calculation of and procedures for estimated bills that incorporates best practices and technology and accounts for any barriers to the use of actual meter readings.	Vetoed Memorandum 83

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S02183A	Parker	Enacts the “electric super highway act”, requiring alternative fuels to be available for public use along the New York state thruway after November 1, 2025 and providing each recommended alternative fuel at least every one hundred twenty miles on both sides of the thruway; defines “alternative fuel”.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02253	Comrie	Requires the public service commission to develop a formula for the calculation of a residential water cost index; requires each water-works corporation and municipal water system serving one thousand customers or more to calculate and submit to the public service commission its residential water cost index; requires the public service commission to publish a report on the residential water cost index of each applicable water-works corporation and municipal water system.	Passed the Senate
S02355	Parker	Relates to attachments to utility poles for broadband service; provides that for a broadband internet provider that does not provide regulated telephone service, a pole owner shall not require such broadband internet provider to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity as a condition to making attachments to utility poles solely owned or jointly-owned by the pole owner.	Passed the Senate
S02415	Parker	Prohibits publicly owned treatment works from accepting wastewater associated with the exploration, delineation, development, or production of natural gas from high-volume hydraulic fracturing; provides exceptions.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02416	Parker	Authorizes one or more individuals who are under a shared contract to opt-out of such contract without a fee, penalty or charge due to status as a domestic violence victim; prohibits the company from transferring any contractual or billing responsibility of such shared contract to any other account holders on such shared contract; prevents companies from prohibiting a person who has opted-out due to domestic violence status to enter into a new contract.	Passed the Senate
S02457B	Ramos	Establishes the mechanical insulation energy savings program to provide grants for qualified mechanical insulation expenditures to school districts, public hospitals, public housing buildings, and political subdivisions that have completed a qualified audit. Eff. Date 09/05/2025	Chaptered 363

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S02462B	Gianaris	Enacts the “public renewables transparency act”; relates to the New York power authority’s conferral process; requires the conferral report be posted on the authority’s website; provides that the authority shall provide an option for stakeholders to submit comments remotely as well, and incorporate feedback from such sessions and written comments into the final draft of the strategic plan; makes related provisions.	Chaptered 679
S02474A	Parker	Enacts the “H2 energy scale up act”; authorizes the New York state energy research and development authority to administer a program to provide funds related to enabling clean hydrogen projects.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02475	Parker	Establishes an exemption from taxation for energy-related public utility real property related to attaining state climate goals; provides that such exemption shall remain in effect until it is retired or removed from service.	Reported to Senate Local Government
S02479	Parker	Requires the New York state energy research and development authority conduct a study on Brooklyn College constructing a micro-grid to study the feasibility, efficiency, and energy saving costs if such a micro-grid was constructed on campus.	Vetoed Memorandum 84
S02480	Parker	Directs the New York state energy and research development authority to establish a pilot program to install a microgrid in Glenwood Houses; requires the authority to annually report on the results of such program and any recommendations for expansion.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02481	Parker	Requires the New York state energy research and development authority conduct a study on the feasibility, storing and transferring of hydrogen energy to residential and commercial structures in cities and towns with a population greater than twenty thousand.	Passed the Senate
S02482	Parker	Enacts the “go green schools act” to assist school districts in converting to renewable energy sources as a primary source of energy; directs NYSERDA to conduct a study and make recommendations for such purpose.	Passed the Senate
S02484	Parker	Directs the state energy planning board to conduct a study on time frames for replacing or upgrading battery energy storage systems at renewable energy facilities in preparation for clean energy storage and distribution across the state.	Passed the Senate
S02485	Parker	Requires the office of renewable energy siting and electric transmission to establish a mapping, installation and efficiency plan for the purpose of building new electric transmission lines.	Passed the Senate

Bill No.	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S02486A	Parker	Relates to the construction of new geothermal, dry steam, flash steam, and binary cycle plant facilities in New York state.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02638	May	Prohibits proceeds from the auction or sale of carbon dioxide emission allowances pursuant to New York's participation in the regional greenhouse gas initiative (RGGI) from being transferred into the state general fund; provides that if such proceeds are transferred to the state general fund, they shall be used for the purposes directed by the RGGI.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02708	May	Relates to advancing grid enhancement technologies; allows the department of public service to approve requests from distribution companies to develop grid enhancement technologies; requires distribution companies to submit a compliance filing report every 5 years.	Passed the Senate
S03109	Cooney	Establishes the "broadband deployment assistance act"; requires that substantially similar permits for broadband deployment be processed together at the same time and on an expedited basis; defines terms; authorizes municipalities to simultaneously process certain broadband permit applications that are substantially similar.	Reported to Senate Local Government
S03247	Cooney	Requires all newly-constructed electric vehicle charging stations available for public use which are capable of accepting payment to accept all major credit cards.	Passed the Senate
S03315A	Gonzalez	Establishes the green affordable pre-electrification program to assist owners and tenants in residential properties in curing structural and building code defects which render the properties ineligible for improvements or projects relating to energy savings, green-house gas emissions reductions, climate change adaptation and resiliency project grants.	Reported to Senate Finance
S03553	Cleare	Enacts the "utility materials disclosure act" to require investor-owned energy utilities publish on its customer-facing website both its promotional and educational materials and file such materials with the public service commission.	Senate Rules
S03663A	Hoylman-Sigal	Directs the New York City Economic Development Corporation to immediately commence any proceedings, processes, stakeholder engagement, or capital projects necessary for the installation of shore power capability at the Manhattan Cruise Terminal; provides for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof.	Reported to Senate Finance

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S03734A	Mayer	Relates to prohibiting the public service commission from approving a rate increase which allows a utility to recover its direct or indirect costs in excess of one hundred thousand dollars associated with its attendance in, participation in, preparation for, or appeal of any rate proceeding conducted before the commission, or compensation for management employees in excess of the current salary of the governor of the state unless proof of necessity is provided.	Passed the Senate
S04065C	Parker	Establishes a sustainable aviation fuel tax credit and eligibility criteria for such tax credit.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04110	Comrie	Requires telephone companies to disclose information to subscribers regarding the backup power solution for their voice service equipment.	Senate Rules
S04191	Counardes	Requires distribution centers which are 50,000 sq. ft. or more to be equipped with electric vehicle charging stations as determined by the secretary of state and NYSERDA.	Passed the Senate
S04205	Comrie	Establishes a program to develop microgrids that are capable of providing an uninterrupted supply of power to one or more community outage assets through an extended electric distribution outage.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04316	Comrie	Requires a phone company to restore service promptly when phone service goes down for someone who uses a medical alert system or a device that transmits medical data.	Senate Rules
S04336	Comrie	Requires gas and electric utilities to make available to landlords or lessors, upon request of prospective tenants or lessees, information concerning gas and electric charges incurred for residential rental premises.	Passed the Senate
S04571A	Harckham	Directs the New York state energy research and development authority to establish a floating solar incentive and education program to provide information and resources including technical assistance, access to industry standards, and financing available through the authority or other public or private sector sources, to municipalities, developers, builders, design professionals, and potential owners for the construction of floating solar.	Reported to Senate Finance
S04590	Parker	Relates to establishing the New York state grid modernization commission; provides the commission shall conduct a study of research, development and demonstrations of electric grid modernization and shall issue such report to the state energy planning board for consideration in the state energy plan.	Reported to Senate Finance

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S04881A	Scarcella-Spanton	Requires contractors and subcontractors performing construction work for covered renewable energy systems to use apprenticeship agreements; requires thermal energy networks to require contractors and subcontractors to use pre-apprenticeship direct entry providers registered with the department of labor.	Substituted By A2730A - Chaptered 362
S04902	Harckham	Requires cell towers to be equipped with a back-up power source in case of a power outage.	Senate Rules
S04989A	Harckham	Requires utility service providers to disclose planned rate increases to consumers within thirty days before a planned price increase takes effect; requires utility providers to provide contact information and a mechanism to cancel service completely.	Senate Rules
S05111	Parker	Enacts the “just energy transition act”; requires a study of competitive options to facilitate the phase-out, replacement and redevelopment of New York state’s oldest and most-polluting fossil fueled generation facilities and their sites by the year 2030.	Passed the Senate
S05189	Comrie	Establishes a comprehensive electric vehicle fast charging station implementation plan; requires the New York state energy and research development authority to further establish a “Fast Charge NY working group” to develop such plan; makes related provisions.	Reported to Senate Finance
S05509	Parker	Provides any entity which leases excavation equipment to the public with the telephone number of the system and a sample or model notice informing lessees of excavation equipment of the system and their responsibilities relating to the protection of underground facilities.	Substituted By A6768 - Chaptered 495
S05510	Parker	Requires the New York state energy research and development authority to develop recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids.	Passed the Senate
S05553B	Comrie	Enacts the “rate hike notice act” which requires utilities in the state of New York to provide notice of a proposed rate hike to a customer via text, email and via such customer’s monthly billing statement.	Passed the Senate
S05593	Mayer	Provides that subsequent requests for an extension of a suspension period for certain rate, charge or other changes by utilities shall require approval by the public service commission and shall be valid for one month, after which the commission shall review and determine the necessity of a further extension; provides limitations on retroactive rate recovery by utilities.	Passed the Senate

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S05825	Sepúlveda	Requires at least one electric level three fast charging station available to the public for every five thousand New York state residents on a county level by December 31, 2027; provides for the siting of such charging stations; requires construction and development of such stations to comply with article 8 of the labor law including payment of the prevailing wage.	Senate Rules
S06171A	Parker	Requires the New York state energy research and development authority conduct a study on independent neighborhoods and homes in municipalities constructing micro-grids to study the feasibility, efficiency, and energy saving costs if such micro-grids were constructed.	Senate Rules
S06200	Skoufis	Requires utility companies maintain a toll free number for consumers to call to report service outages which shall be made available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	On Calendar 716 Opposite House
S06277	Scarcella- Spanton	Creates the state office of the utility consumer advocate to represent interests of residential utility customers including a proposed change of rates, charges, terms and conditions of service, the adoption of rules, regulations, guidelines, orders, standards or final policy decisions.	Substituted By A2468 - Vetoed Memorandum 60
S06394A	Gonzalez	Regulates energy consumption by data centers; requires annual disclosure reporting; prohibits incentives in fossil fuel power purchase agreements with utilities; directs the public service commission to establish a data center surcharge and discount plan.	Reported to Senate Environmental Conservation
S06846A	Comrie	Clarifies how certain non-billing information regarding the delivery of water is disclosed to residents of cooperatives, condominiums or multi-family dwellings; requires water-works corporations to notify customers of their ability to receive non-billing related information.	Senate Rules
S06997A	Ryan C	Relates to enforcement of pole attachment safety and quality and utility pole and attachment identification.	Chaptered 700
S07132A	Parker	Requires the establishment of a renewable hydrogen incentive program to support the production, processing, delivery, storage, or end use of hydrogen in New York for the purpose of meeting the greenhouse gas emissions goals of the climate leadership and community protection act (CLCPA).	Reported to Senate Finance
S07135	Parker	Requires the establishment of hybrid heating pilot programs to further the goals of the climate leadership and community protection act (CLCPA).	Reported to Senate Finance

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S07165A	Hinchey	Authorizes the public service commission to consider non-economic loss suffered by consumers, including pain and suffering or mental anguish, when determining penalties against a public utility company, corporation or person or a combination gas and electric corporation.	Passed the Senate
S07228	Gianaris	Prohibits gas and electric corporations from filing any schedules setting forth rules or regulations which absolve or attempt to absolve such corporations from liability for the interruption of its supply of service arising from the ordinary negligence of its employees, servants or agents; provides that any such schedules filed are void as against public policy.	Senate Rules
S07260	Comrie	Directs the department of public service to promulgate rules and regulations to establish fee transparency standards for electric vehicle charging stations.	Senate Rules
S07283	Parker	Allows new buildings where new parking is provided to have an optional, charger-agnostic, power-based allocation method alternative to certain electric vehicle charging infrastructure requirements; requires the department of state division of building standards and codes to promulgate rules and regulations relating to such alternative.	Reported to Senate Finance
S07328A	Hinchey	Increases the number of commissioners of the public service commission to eight; requires the commission to have a duty to protect public interest, including ensuring access to utility services for residential and business customers; prohibits commissioners from having been employed within the last two years by an electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, or water utility that is regulated by the commission.	Passed the Senate
S07693	Mayer	Provides that gas, electric, or combination gas and electric corporations shall not be permitted to retain revenues derived from their actual return on equity in excess of authorized rates of return on equity.	Passed the Senate
S07923A	Gonzalez	Authorizes and directs the energy research and development authority, the public service commission and NYPA to conduct a study to determine the possibility of closing certain peaker plants.	Passed the Senate

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