



The Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act “AREGCBA” or “Siting Act”

July 22, 2020

FEATURES OF THE SITING ACT

- Establishes new renewable energy siting law - streamlines siting processes for renewable generation (Article 10) and transmission (Article VII) facilities through new Office of Renewable Siting under Department of State to one year
- Establishes program for NYSERDA to secure permits, property interests, agreements and/or other authorizations necessary for “build ready sites” for renewable energy projects
- Requires Public Service Commission (PSC) to initiate comprehensive state power grid study to identify distribution upgrades, local transmission upgrades and bulk transmission investments necessary to timely achieve Climate Act targets
- Establishes Host Community benefit process – potential to flow benefits to customers via utility bill discounts

LIPA PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE'S GRID STUDIES

- Utilities to submit plans to PSC for local transmission & distribution (T&D) projects to help deliver renewable energy across the grid
 - Preliminary results due August 1, 2020
 - Final plans due November 1, 2020
- Utilities to submit proposed T&D project selection criteria and cost sharing methods to PSC – October 5, 2020
- PSC and LIPA to establish T&D capital investment plans for IOUs and PSEG Long Island respectively
- Utilities assisting with DPS/NYSERDA studies to identify bulk system transmission and resource plans to achieve “70x30” and “100x40”