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Dear Community Leader/Elected Official:

In January 2016, the New York State Public Service Commission directed Staff to develop a process for Commission consideration of a **Clean Energy Standard (CES)** program. The CES mandates that by the year 2030, half of the electricity used in the State will come from renewable resources such as solar, wind and hydro. Staff prepared a White Paper on Clean Energy Standard, as well as a cost-benefit analysis (Cost Study) of the proposed CES and issued these reports for public comment.

To ensure full public participation in this proceeding, the Department will conduct a series of informational sessions and public statement hearings to seek input and comments from your community on Staff's White Paper and Cost Study. At the information session, Staff will provide an overview of the CES program and what it means for consumers and will be available to answer questions. The information sessions will be immediately followed by public statement hearings at which all those who wish to comment on CES and the Staff reports will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record, for the Commission to consider in its deliberations.

It is the Department's intention to facilitate and encourage active and meaningful public participation throughout the entire CES proceeding. If you cannot attend one of the hearings, I encourage you and your constituents to comment using one of the methods described in the attached factsheet. Additional information regarding the CES proceeding, including Staff's White Paper and Cost Study, is available on the Department's website at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) under Case Number 15-E-0302.

Sincerely,

Michael Corso  
Consumer Advocate and Director  
Office of Consumer Services

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The dates, times and locations of the information sessions and public statement hearings are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday, May 10, 2016	Binghamton City Hall 38 Hawley Street Binghamton, NY 13901	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Wednesday, May 11, 2016	Town of Amherst Harlem Road Community Center 4255 Harlem Road Amherst, NY 14226	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Thursday, May 12, 2016	Chili Town Hall 3333 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14624	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Tuesday, May 17, 2016	Colonie Town Hall 534 New Loudon Road Latham, NY 12110	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm
Tuesday, May 17, 2016	Albany Law School East Wing School Room E211 80 New Scotland Ave. Albany, NY 12208	Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Wednesday, May 18, 2016	Town of Plattsburgh Town Hall 151 Banker Road Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Tuesday, May 24, 2016	Oswego City Hall 13 West Oneida St Oswego, NY 13126	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Wednesday, May 25, 2016	Liverpool Public Library Carman Community Room 310 Tulip Street Liverpool, NY 13088	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Thursday, May 26, 2016	Kingston City Hall Council Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 420 Broadway Kingston, NY 12401	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm
Tuesday, May 31, 2016	NYSDPS 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom 90 Church Street New York, NY	Information Session – 2 pm Public Statement Hearing – 3 pm  Information Session – 6 pm Public Statement Hearing – 7 pm