



New York Battery and Energy Storage Technology Consortium, Inc.

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor
State of New York
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

Thank you for your leadership on behalf on New York's environment and your continued support for building the State's clean energy economy. Your support for the timely implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is critical to ensuring the State meets the Act's mandated goal of a zero-emissions electric grid by 2040.

We are writing to ask for your urgent support of recommendations of the CLCPA's Power Generation Advisory Panel specifically related to energy storage. Energy storage is a key technology for enabling our renewable energy future, replacing fossil-fueled peaking generators that disproportionately affect disadvantaged communities, and ensuring a clean, reliable and resilient electric grid.

Despite having a wide array of stakeholders and diverse interests among its members, the CLCPA Power Generation Advisory Panel recognized the important role of energy storage in transforming the electric grid and unanimously supported a series of recommendations to accelerate the deployment of energy storage. These recommendations included the following priorities:

- **Update State's Energy Storage Roadmap, as soon as practicable, to update and revise storage deployment goals recognizing the substantially higher requirements identified in the State's Power Grid Study.** The State's current energy storage deployment goal of 3 GW by 2030 was established in 2018, prior to enactment of the 70 percent by 2030 renewable energy goal. As a result, the 3 GW storage goal and existing programs are insufficient to enable the higher renewable grid of the future. The State's Power Grid Study indicates the need for more than 15 MW of energy storage to support the State's zero emission grid by 2040 goal.
- **Provide increased funding for energy storage deployment.** The State should initiate a new docket at the Public Service Commission that establishes new binding targets and creates a dedicated funding mechanism similar to the Clean Energy Standard for storage as soon as practicable and no later than the end of 2022.



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The energy storage industry is currently facing tremendous barriers to deploying energy storage on the State's electric grid – from obstacles at the wholesale and distribution system levels, to challenges in siting and permitting and unfavorable economics. Although NYSERDA's incentive programs for energy storage have been fully allocated and the industry has invested millions of dollars in New York's economy and created hundreds of new jobs, projects are being delayed and the industry is facing a major pause in its efforts to transform the State's electric grid.

Your leadership and initiative at this time to increase the State's energy storage goal to 6 GW by 2030, and direct the PSC and NYSERDA to establish a new Roadmap for energy storage, will jumpstart the energy storage industry and unlock the numerous benefits of energy storage for the State's electric grid, environment and economy.

The energy storage industry applauds your recent call to increase the State's solar energy goals from 6 GW to 10 GW by 2030 and create a new Roadmap to achieve it. We respectfully request that you mirror this approach and do the same for energy storage.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership. We stand ready to assist you and your team with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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