



CLEAN AIR
TASK FORCE

CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD

New York

Policy type

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Clean Energy Standard

Required zero-emissions credits

Targets

- **RPS:** 70% renewable by 2030
- **CES:** Zero emissions by 2040

Economy-wide requirement: 40% emissions reduction from 1990 levels by 2030, 85% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050

Point of regulation: Retail sales, emissions

Regulated entities: Investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, cooperatives, and retail suppliers (“jurisdictional load serving entity” means any entity subject to the jurisdiction of the commission that secures energy to serve the electrical energy requirements of end-use customers in New York state)

Percent of retail sales covered by RPS: 98%

Implementing agency: New York State Public Service Commission

Enforcement mechanisms: Every two years, the Commission must issue a comprehensive review of the program, including detailing progress toward meeting the standard.

Compliance flexibility and cost containment: There is an alternative compliance payment price of \$45.39/MWh in 2024, set by the Commission annually. Payments go to the New York State Energy Research Development Authority. The Commission may suspend or modify obligations provided that the Commission makes a finding that the program impedes the provision of safe and adequate electric service.

Carve-outs and incentives: Annual carve-out for new renewables built after 2015 in Tier 1, as % of total LSE load; Tier 2 for existing renewables, including small hydropower less than 10 MW and biomass built before 2015; Zero-Emission Credits act as an incentive for nuclear; Tier 4 is solicitation of 1,500 MW for NYC in renewables.

Compliance tracking: [NYGATS](#)

Notable features: Separate from the CES, NY has a mandate of 6 GW of solar by 2025 and 9 GW in offshore wind by 2035. Distributed generation cannot count towards meeting the standard but is considered by Commission in setting targets for the CES.

Recent updates: CATF reclassified New York as having a tech-neutral CES

Links to agency website and statutes/rules: [N.Y. Pub. Serv. Law § 66-P](#); [Clean Energy Standard](#); [Obligations for Load Serving Entities](#); [Department of Public Service](#); [Retail Electricity Sales](#); [EPA’s REC Tracking Systems](#)

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Form of the standard

Energy-based RPS

% of renewable energy required

Emissions-based CES

% of required emissions reductions

Eligible sources

RPS

Biogas until
2029

Biomass until
2029

Clean Hydrogen

Geothermal

Hydropower

Solar

Wave/Tidal

Wind

CES

Technology-
Neutral

See [NY Pub. Serv. Law § 66-p\(1\)\(b\)](#) for definitions of eligible resources; [§ 66-p\(7\)](#) (B) for distributed generation; [§ 66-p\(5\)](#) for offshore wind and solar carve outs.

See also: 1) NY PSC, [Case 15-E-0302, Order Adopting Modifications to the Clean Energy Standard](#), for additional information on nuclear energy.