

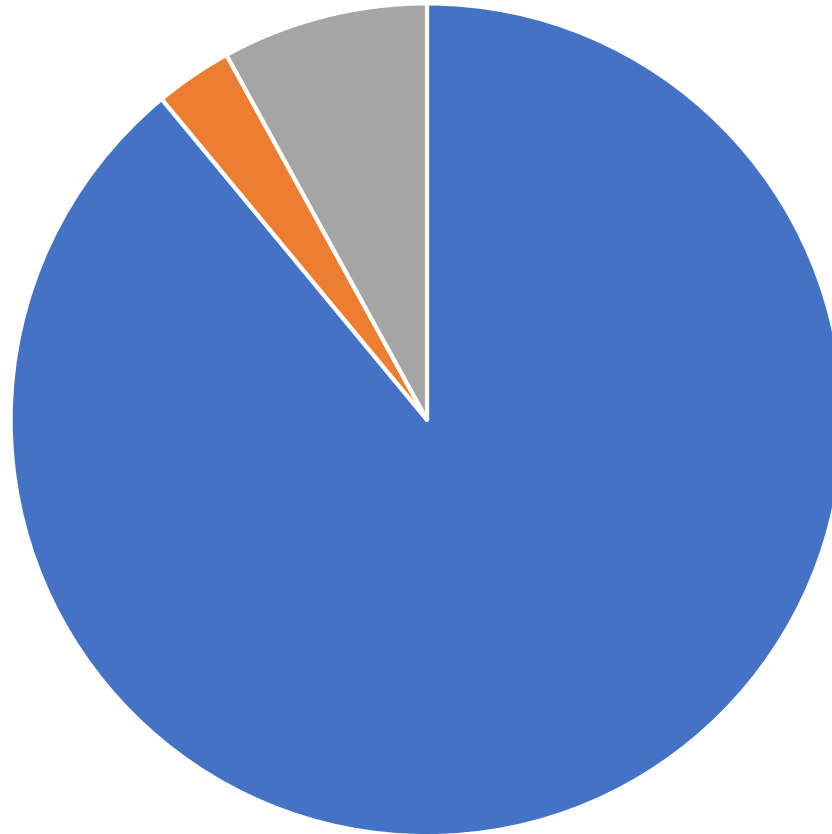


Clean Energy Standard: Project Siting under Article 10 & SEQR

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Support for Reforming the Energy Vision



■ Support REV ■ Refused ■ Opposed

Renewables on the Ground Roundtable



- **Identify barriers and propose solutions to achieving New York's renewable energy goals- 50% by 2030**
- **Bring diverse interests together**
- **Develop solutions to accelerate responsible development**

Roundtable Participants



Key Barriers & Opportunities



- **Interconnection**
- **Land Use**
- **Local Regulation**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Transmission**
- **Improving approval process**
- **Tools**
- **Land Leasing**
- **Taxation**

The image shows two female engineers in profile, looking at a tablet. They are wearing safety gear: blue hard hats and high-visibility vests (one orange, one yellow). They are standing in front of a chain-link fence, with a power plant or industrial facility in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Outcomes

- **High level principles**
- **Recommendations**
- **Improved understanding of one another's perspectives**
- **Expanding learning across state, reducing resistance**

A woman with long black braids and glasses is smiling and writing in a notebook. She is wearing a dark blazer. In the background, a presentation slide is visible with the text "POWER INDUSTRY" and "SOLAR ENERGY".

Principles

- **Accelerate renewable development**
- **Involve stakeholders**
- **Make siting laws more efficient, less expensive, more predictable**
- **Engage communities/assist local government**
- **Provide economic information**
- **Advance a just and equitable transition**
- **Protect farmland**
- **Avoid and minimize Impacts**
- **Plan for transmission/interconnection**

Article 10 SEQRA

- **Use a Variety of Outreach Tools to Provide Information**
- **Provide Model Language on Notices**
- **Clarify “Unreasonably Burdensome”**
- **Report on and Reduce Time to Complete Article 10**
- **Provide Standard Guidance and Methods for Studies**
- **Guidance for Solar Impacts**

Key Takeaways

A tall, lattice-structured metal electricity pylon stands in the center of the frame, with several power lines extending from it across the sky. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a low-angle shot looking up at the pylon.

- **Proactively Engage Communities**
- **Identify Least Impact Sites**