

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA): Phase 2 Projects Fact Sheet

CLCPA Overview

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) was signed into law in 2019. It called for the reduction of economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and no less than 85% by 2050 in comparison to previous 1990 levels. Additionally, the CLCPA targets 70% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% emissions-free energy by 2040.

As a result, in May 2020, the New York State Public Service Commission (NYS PSC) directed all major NYS electric utilities to identify system investments to support CLCPA goals.

This milestone marks Avangrid’s involvement with the CLCPA initiative. Avangrid is the parent company of Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation (RG&E). Divided into Phase 1 & Phase 2 Projects, the latter are new projects (as of November 2020) whose primary purpose is to create capacity for renewable generation integration.

Phase 2 Overview

The NYS PSC approved the concept of Phase 2 projects and additionally directed all major NYS electric utilities to develop projects within “Areas of Concern” where there are known constraints to renewable generation interconnections.

The utilities filed a joint petition including a suite of projects proposed by RG&E in March 2022.

In February 2023, the NYS PSC approved the vast majority of Avangrid’s proposed Phase 2 projects.

The approved projects amount to about \$2.3 billion in spending by 2030. The costs of these projects are allocated among the entire state and recovered through the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) rates. As a result, the rate impact to RG&E customers is lower than if funded solely by our customers. All utility rates are approved by the NYS PSC.

In total, Avangrid has committed to executing approximately \$3.5B on CLCPA projects (*combined Phase 1 & 2) by 2030 in support of NYS climate goals.



CLCPA Phase 2 Projects that are currently planned.

Impacted areas*

Municipalities: Brighton, Caledonia, Chili, Leicester, Wheatland, York

Counties: Livingston, Monroe

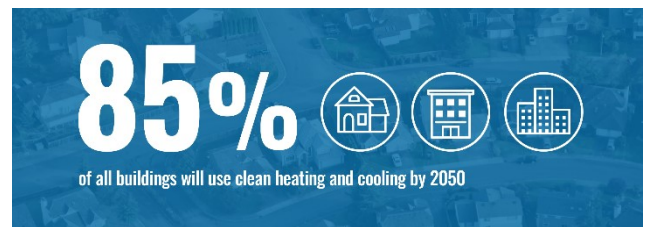
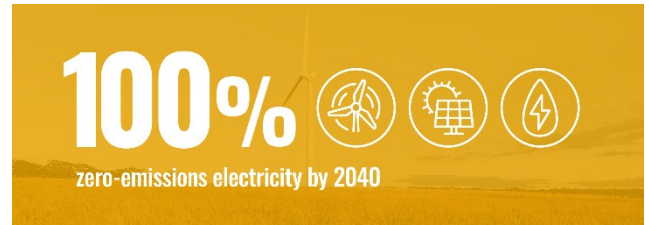
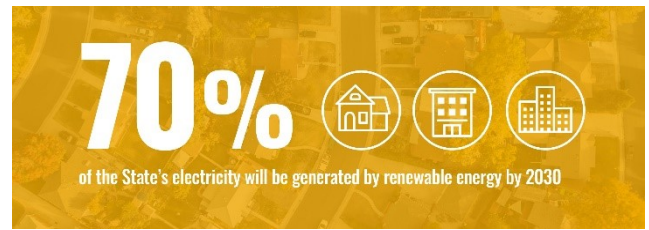
**Planned towns and counties subject to change. Additional municipalities under consideration.*

Statewide Benefits

- Improved reliability and resiliency with a strengthened network that affords redundancy contingencies in the event of extreme weather events and/or outages.
- Additional capacity for renewable generation integration.
- Significant reduction in greenhouse gas emission levels statewide.
- Increased employment opportunities and economic development during the various phases of the project for specifically impacted construction areas.

Permits

- NYS Public Service Law Article VII *Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need* (“Certificate”) and *Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP)*
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Federal permit(s)
- Federal Aviation Administration – Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: SPDES General Permit for Discharge from Construction Activities
- NYS Department of Transportation: Utility Work Permit
- Other State and Local Permits as necessary



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