



**LIFE 2019 New York City Regional Meeting
June 14, 2019 – Manhattan**

Consolidated Edison Auditorium, 4 Irving Place, New York NY

Preliminary agenda is subject to change.

8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration and Networking

9:00 am - 9:15 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Christopher Coll, NYSEDA

Monica M. Ferreri, NYS Department of Public Service

9:15 am - 10:45 am Advancing Energy Affordability and Access to Clean Energy in New York State

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New York State is advancing far-reaching clean energy initiatives to spur achievement of important climate and energy affordability objectives, including undertaking clean energy innovation and fundamental regulatory changes to bring new investments into the State that improve consumer choice and affordability. This session will provide an overview of and update on the primary initiatives guiding New York State's clean energy transition with specific focus on how New York is advancing energy affordability and access to clean energy solutions for lower-income and disadvantaged New Yorkers.

10:45 am - 11:00 am Networking and Exhibit Break

11:00 am - 11:30 am Utility Updates

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National Grid

Utilities have a long history of providing energy assistance to their low-income customers—from budget billing to efficiency programs. This utility updates session provides the most recent information on utility low-income energy efficiency and payment assistance programs currently being administered in New York State.

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Focus on Environmental Justice: Statewide and Local Perspectives

Michelle Andry, NYSEDA

Lourdes Perez-Medina, UPROSE

As defined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including a racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies. Environmental justice in energy policy intersects with the racial, economic, housing, health and other social justice issues which impact low-income residents and communities of color. Achieving equity in clean energy program design and implementation requires inclusive engagement with and representation of the impacted communities along with fair distribution of benefits and burdens while prioritizing those with the highest need. This session will provide local and statewide perspectives on environmental justice and the opportunity to learn about related projects led by local organizations.

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm Meeting Luncheon

12:45 pm - 1:15 pm **Opportunities and Barriers in New York City Affordable Multifamily Housing**
New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability

Details to follow.

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm **Consumer Protections: New York State's Residential Shared Meter Law**
Richard Berkley, Public Utility Law Project of New York

This session will cover a widespread consumer protection and utility affordability issue in New York: shared meter conditions. A shared meter condition exists when a consumer's electric and/or gas meter reports usage both inside of the dwelling and to areas outside of the dwelling. In other words, a residential customer in a shared meter condition is additionally paying heat for common areas or other apartments, which is prohibited under New York State law. These conditions can arise intentionally or accidentally and are most often associated with conversions of single-family dwellings into rentals or from owner-occupied multiple dwelling units to non-owner-occupied investor units. Presenters will discuss how to identify when such a situation is occurring, the consumer's rights, and the procedural and legal steps necessary to protect the consumer's rights and finances.

1:45 pm - 2:15 pm **Measuring the Health Benefits of Energy Efficiency Programs**
Ronald Denson, Jr. American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)

Detailed guidance and decades of experience have established reliable approaches for evaluating, measuring, and verifying (EM&V) energy savings from energy efficiency programs. Methods for documenting the health impacts of these programs, however, are still evolving. In order to compare approaches for quantifying and validating health outcomes, we looked at more than 100 programs and research studies throughout the United States that have attempted to simultaneously save energy and improve the health of program participants. This session focuses on specific opportunities to improve occupant health outcomes through an existing framework of energy efficiency interventions and related programs. This session will also offer recommendations on how program administrators can add or augment effective health components in their work.

2:15:45 pm - 2:30 pm **Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Networking and Exhibit Break / Stakeholder Discussion Registration**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Discussion on Programs, Barriers, and Opportunities**

Building on the discussions started during the 2018 Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Public Forums hosted by NYSERDA and the NYS Department of Public Service, this stakeholder feedback discussion will focus on current initiatives and identify opportunities to improve the impact of energy and affordability programs in communities.