

Table S1. PSC Questions for Public Comment

<b>Program Structure</b>	<b>Financial Structure</b>	<b>Utilities Coordination</b>
1. What type of benefit should be provided under the Host Community Benefit Program? 1a. Should it be a bill credit/bill discount? 1b. Should it be an environmental benefit program?	1. What is a reasonable cost to be borne by developers for each major renewable energy facility, in terms of dollars- per-kilowatt-hour or dollars-per-megawatt.	1. If utilities are administering a bill credit/bill discount what information from the host community would the utility need in order to verify eligible customers?
2. If the Host Community Benefit is a bill credit/bill discount, should it be a one-time/single year credit or multi-year benefit, if so, how many years is appropriate?	2. What is a reasonable range in which to set the level of benefit to be provided to each customer receiving such benefit?	1a. a. If the benefit is determined to be a multi-year bill credit/bill discount, how often should the verification of eligible customers be reviewed?
3. If the Host Community Benefit is an environmental benefit program, what types of programs or measures should the program support?	2a. a. Provide a reasonable range if the benefit is provided as a one-time benefit, or as a recurring benefit on an annual basis?	1b. b. If the benefit is determined to be a multi-year bill credit/bill discount, how often should the benefit be provided, e.g., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually?
4. Should the Host Community Benefit Program be open to all utility-customer types within the host community, or only residential customer classes?	2b. What other factors and/or considerations should be considered in determining the amount of the Host Community Benefit provided to customers?	2. If the benefit is determined to be a bill credit/bill discount, what would the utilities need to do in order to implement such a program within their billing systems? Provide an estimated timeframe for implementation.
5. What should the geographical bounds of the host community be in relation to the location of the major renewable energy facility, such as a certain number of miles from the site location, the entire town(s) in which the major renewable energy facility is located, or some other defined area?	3. If the Host Community Benefit is a bill credit/bill discount, how should the funding of the incentive payments flow from the developer to the utility, who would provide the benefit directly to the customer? 3a. a. Should the developer pay the utility directly, and if so, how frequently should payments be sent to the utilities to support the program?	2a. a. How should the bill credit/bill discount be identified in the bill? i. Should it be included in an existing line item on the bill or as a separate line item? ii. Should any bill message be included regarding the bill credit/bill discount? b. Does special consideration need to be taken for bill credits/bill discounts provided by municipal electric utilities?
6. How should the Host Community Benefit Program be structured if there are multiple major renewable energy facilities within the same host community?	3b. Should there be a fund administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), into which the developer would pay, and from which NYSERDA would then disburse funds to the utilities as the utilities provide customers with the benefit? How should the payments into and out of this fund be structured?	