



SUPPORT

A. 3805-A/S. 3521-A (Cusick/Parker)

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to the transfer of bill credits associated with the electricity produced by community distributed generation facilities

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 3805-A/S. 3521-A (Cusick/Parker), which would allow community distributed generation (CDG) credits to be transferred between electric corporation territories.

Community distributed generation allows utility customers to buy credits in renewable energy generation facilities that are smaller than five megawatts, which are then credited to their account. This allows New Yorkers who are unable to site renewables like solar panels on their homes to still participate in net metering, benefit from renewable energy, and vote for New York's growing clean energy industry with their wallets. However, utility customers can only participate in CDG that is located within their service area. For example, residents of New York City can only participate in CDG that is within Con Edison's service area - an area that is unfortunately not ideal for CDG facilities like solar farms.

A. 3805-A/S. 3521-A would enable customers in one utility territory to participate in CDG projects located in a different utility territory. Making this change will help New York to meet its aggressive solar goals at no cost to the state while ensuring that all New Yorkers have equitable access to CDG resources. Furthermore, this legislation requires at least 35% of credits generated under this program to go to disadvantaged communities, ensuring that New Yorkers who suffer the most from dirty power plants benefit from CDG.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 3805-A/S. 3521-A.

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