

Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA), 2023



According to a 2017 study published by the NYC Mayor’s Office, over 600,000 NYC families are considered energy cost burdened, defined as those that pay more than 6% of their incomes toward energy bills. Of those, over 460,000 were considered low income under federal definition (less than 200% of the federal poverty level).

The Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) program combines the utility-managed Energy Affordability Program (EAP) and market-based community energy programs to deliver clean energy savings to low-income households. At a high-level, community projects can sell credits back to the utility at a fixed price and utilities will pass along credits to eligible low income customers. Qualifying low income customers will be automatically enrolled in the program, allowing customers to enjoy savings without any added administrative burden .

Summary of NineDot's Public Comments

NineDot commends the Public Service Commission and NYSERDA for their leadership in developing and approving this groundbreaking program to provide benefits to New York’s low-income households with the Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) proposal. NineDot is highly supportive of this program as it will begin to address the dire need to alleviate the energy affordability crisis in New York City. NineDot proposed a similar program in our comments on the “New York 6 GW Energy Storage Roadmap: Policy Options for Continued Growth in Energy Storage” (DPS Case 18-E-0130).

NYC residents have largely been excluded from the environmental and economic benefits of clean energy deployment, given that the majority of installations occur upstate and thus the benefits also flow to upstate residents. NineDot is hopeful that the inclusion of energy storage in the S-SFA program will help solve for the lack of available clean energy cost savings options for ratepayers in New York City utility territories.

Resources

- [State of the State Address, 2024](#)
- [NDE Comments on S-SFA](#)
- [Order Approving S-SFA](#)
- [Understanding and Alleviating Energy Cost Burden in New York City](#)

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