

Call your Legislators in support of a New York State Feed-In Tariff

New York State Assembly

Bill name: New York Renewable Energy Sources Act
Bill number: A00187

Sponsor: Andrew Hevesi, 28th Assembly District (Queens)

Co-sponsors: Sam Hoyt, 144th Assembly District (Buffalo),
Donna Lupardo, 126th Assembly District (Binghamton)

New York State Senate

Bill name: New York Renewable Energy Sources Act
Bill number: S2715

Sponsor: Antoine Thompson, 60th Senate District (Buffalo)

Co-sponsors: None yet

The Bills Propose:

As a law **A00187 & S2715** would require NY State's electricity utilities to **purchase electricity** from owners of certain renewable energy systems.

renewable energy systems include **solar photovoltaics, small hydroelectric, wind** and eventually **hydrogen fuel cells**

Prices offered for each type of **renewable energy technology** would be set at levels that would ensure a reasonable rate of return on investment for system owners.

Owners of **renewable energy systems** would be guaranteed the right to sell electricity at these prices for 20 years following the installation of their systems.

Who to Call:

your state senator

phone number

your assembly member

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Why is this Law Necessary?

New York should be a clean energy leader, not follower.

If New York wants to establish itself as a clean energy leader it must adopt longterm, substantial policies designed to make the technologies that produce it affordable, easy to adopt and mainstream. This law aims to do exactly that.

This policy has a proven track record.

Compared to other types of incentives for renewable energy, this type of policy – often called a **'feed-in tariff'** – has been demonstrated to create the strongest and fastest growth for renewable energy investment in the places where it has been adopted; such as Germany, Spain and more recently Ontario, Canada and Gainesville, Florida.

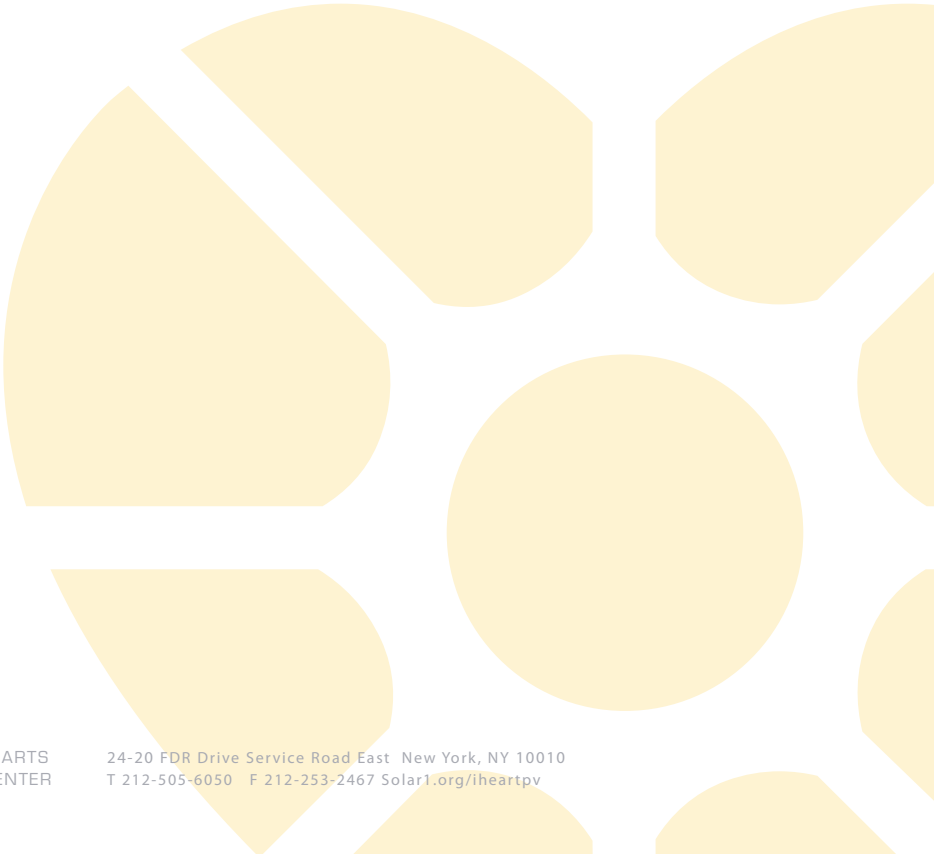
This law would make expensive clean energy technologies cost competitive with dirty sources of electricity.

Clean energy technologies are currently more expensive than conventional fossil fuel and nuclear sourced electricity.

This law would spur rapid growth in the state and overtime would drive down the cost of alternative technologies making them able to compete with conventional electricity and go mainstream. As the contribution of clean energy increases, the cost of investing in it will decrease as a result of its growth. This law is designed to make clean energy cost competitive with fossil fuels over the next decade.

This law would reward clean energy technologies for the many benefits that they create which currently go unrewarded.

Clean energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics offer enormous potential benefits to New York; including job creation and economic development, energy independence, a more reliable electricity system that is less prone to failure, and reduced levels of pollution which impact public health and contribute to global warming. This law would fairly reward clean energy for these benefits.



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