By a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the State Register on July 19, 2006, (SAPA No. 03-E-0188 SA16) the Commission sought comments on a staff proposal to authorize the New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to execute contracts resulting from solicitations in 2006 and 2007 for the Main Tier of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program procurements. The Staff requested “authorization for NYSERDA to execute RPS contracts based on the results of a sealed bid request for proposals (RFP) approach, similar to that authorized for the prior solicitation.”

The Notice specifically seeks comment on the use of an RFP for the next solicitation; parties will be able to comment on what criteria NYSERDA should use to evaluate responses to the solicitation. Under the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA) comments in response to the Notice are due by September 2, 2006.¹ In order to ensure development of a complete record on all aspects of RFP development in light of the purposes of the RPS program, parties may comment on these issues until September 11, 2006. The Commission will also entertain reply comments filed by September 15, 2006. Comments should be served by e-mail, as well as regular mail, on all active parties in this proceeding and an original and five copies should be submitted.

¹ Effectively, the comment period would expire on the next business day, or September 5, 2006.
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