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Senate Majority to Pass the New York State Build Public Renewables Act

(Albany, NY) The Senate Democratic Majority today will advance the New York State Build Public Renewables Act ([S6453C](#)), sponsored by the Chair of the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, Senator Kevin Parker. This bill authorizes the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to develop and own renewable energy projects, phase out its fossil fuel power plants, and provide renewable energy and energy efficiency services to state and municipal buildings and residential customers. This legislation empowers NYPA to ensure our state can meet the goals laid out in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Under the CLCPA, New York committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 85% by 2050 and obtaining 70% of its electricity from renewable energy by 2030. In order to achieve these goals, New York needs to leverage NYPA's ability as the largest public utility in the nation to develop renewable energy generation, transmission, and distribution, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our buildings, and deliver reliable and affordable electricity to our residents.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "When the Senate Democratic Majority passed the nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, we laid out ambitious goals to redefine the future of New York State and how our state projects impact the environment. The New York State Build Public Renewables Act will have a major impact on reducing our carbon footprint while creating green jobs in the sustainable energy sector. I want to thank the bill sponsor, Senator Kevin Parker, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications, for his work to ensure that we are reaching New York's climate goals and taking actionable steps towards renewable energy."

Senator Kevin Parker, bill sponsor and Chair of the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications said, "As the largest public owned utility in the country, the New York Power Authority has led the way in providing affordable energy in New York State. It is imperative that we convert our electrical grid to renewable energy to meet our climate goals in New York State, and this bill will enable NYPA to fully power State and municipal properties with renewable energy by 2030 and 2035 respectively. I'd like to thank Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for her support on this legislation to pass the New York State Build Public Renewables Act."

Senate bill [S.6453C](#) will implement the "New York State Build Public Renewables Act." This legislation will:

- Authorize the New York Power Authority to build, own, and operate renewable energy projects.
- Require the New York Power Authority phase out its fossil fuel power plants by 2030 and to provide and deliver only renewable energy to customers.
- Require the New York Power Authority to be the sole provider of renewable energy to all state owned properties by 2030 and municipal owned properties by 2035.
- Authorize the New York Power Authority to offer renewable energy to residential customers, with a requirement to offer low-to-moderate income customers an energy supply rate that is 50% lower than the rate of the customer's local utility.
- Require New York Power Authority projects and programs to pay a prevailing wage and utilize project labor agreements.

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