



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt Regarding the Public Service Commission Vote Today

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I commend the Public Service Commission's unanimous decision denying petitions that would increase the renewable energy certificate costs for a number of large-scale renewable energy projects by \$12 billion, a cost that would have been forced onto ratepayers.

Unfortunately, I am disappointed that the Public Service Commission also decided to move forward with a utility rate increase at a time when hard-working New Yorkers are

struggling.

The Senate Republican Conference supports a transition toward a clean energy future but it must be done in a responsible, reliable, and safe manner while maintaining just and reasonable rates through complete transparency and competitive markets.

Our conference will continue to advocate for complete cost transparency when it comes to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, as we have done since its passage in 2019.