

## Public Service, Department of

### Mission

The primary mission of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) is to ensure affordable, safe, secure, and reliable access to electric, gas, steam, telecommunications, and water services for New York State's residential and business consumers, while protecting the natural environment. DPS seeks to stimulate effective competitive markets that benefit New York consumers through strategic investments, as well as product and service innovations. In addition, it oversees the siting of major electric and gas transmission lines and facilities, and ensures the safety of natural gas and liquid petroleum pipelines.

### Organization and Staffing

The Public Service Commission (PSC) consists of five members who are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Chairman serves as the chief executive officer of DPS, which will have 528 FTEs in FY 2021, and operates offices in Albany, Buffalo, New York City, Long Island and Syracuse.

### Budget Highlights

The Executive Budget recommends appropriations of approximately \$106.2 million, an increase of \$1.6 million from FY 2020 Enacted Budget levels, for the Department's role in utility regulation and ratemaking, as well as storm response and public safety oversight.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

### Program Highlights

The DPS budget has two programs. The Administration program supports the Public Service Commission and Department activities. The Regulation program undertakes activities to ensure fair and reasonable rates, monitor service standards, address consumer complaints, promote efficient operation, and ensure that industry construction programs meet safety and environmental requirements.

The Department will continue the following priorities in the coming year:

- Ensure just and reasonable utility rates, along with safe and adequate electric, gas, steam, and telecommunications service.
- Implement the Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) which is fundamentally transforming the way electricity is distributed and used in the State. Under REV, New York is spurring innovation to create a power system that uses more distributed, resilient, and cleaner sources of supply to ensure New York customers benefit from cleaner and more affordable electricity.
- Provide regulatory oversight of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's administration of the Clean Energy Fund. Similarly, the Department will continue to monitor progress towards achieving the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which, in part, mandates that 70 percent of all electricity consumed in New York by 2030 comes from renewable energy sources and zero emissions from the statewide electrical demand system in 2040.
- Conduct electric transmission siting reviews, oversee the responsible development of a smart electric grid, and ensure the safety of the State's natural gas pipelines.
- Educate consumers and resolve consumer-utility disputes to ensure fair and responsible utility service.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	98,932,000	100,482,000	1,550,000	5,473,000
Aid To Localities	5,750,000	5,750,000	0	5,488,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,682,000</b>	<b>106,232,000</b>	<b>1,550,000</b>	<b>10,961,000</b>

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**ALL FUND TYPES**  
**PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM**  
**FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FTE Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	65	65	0
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	25	25	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	438	438	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	93,432,000	94,982,000	1,550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,932,000</b>	<b>100,482,000</b>	<b>1,550,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS**  
**ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM**  
**APPROPRIATIONS**  
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,386,000	13,386,000	0
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,500,000	5,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	80,046,000	81,596,000	1,550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,932,000</b>	<b>100,482,000</b>	<b>1,550,000</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2021 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	13,386,000	0	7,516,000	0
Regulation of Utilities	87,096,000	1,550,000	43,281,000	696,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,482,000</b>	<b>1,550,000</b>	<b>50,797,000</b>	<b>696,000</b>

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Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	5,870,000	0
Regulation of Utilities	43,815,000	854,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,685,000</b>	<b>854,000</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Other	5,750,000	5,750,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,750,000</b>	<b>5,750,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**AID TO LOCALITIES  
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Regulation of Utilities			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	5,750,000	5,750,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,750,000</b>	<b>5,750,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020