IREC developed the National Shared Renewables Scorecard to provide policymakers, regulators, and other stakeholders with a tool for evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of state shared renewable energy programs. IREC graded New York’s Community Distributed Generation Program using the Scorecard’s full criteria* and found that the program currently receives an A- because it incorporates the majority of shared renewables best practices, offering a strong foundation for shared renewable energy development.

The gold star above indicates that the program has at least 100 MWs of shared renewables capacity installed and received extra credit for demonstrating a basic level of market viability.

### State Program Grade: A-

#### Program Strengths
- Compensates shared renewable energy generation at the Value Stack tariff, which includes values for energy, capacity, environmental benefits and demand reduction. In addition, projects receive a Market Transition Credit that brings the bill credit rate to a value that is at or near the retail rate.
- Promotes expanded access to low- to moderate-income customers through its Bill Discount Pledge program, which will allow low-income customers to use a share of their monthly Affordability Program bill discount towards the purchase of Community Distributed Generation subscriptions.
- Explicitly permits customers to transfer their subscriptions if they move within the same utility’s service territory.

#### Opportunities for Improvement
- Further expand access to low- to moderate-income customers by adding requirements related to LMI customer marketing, education and outreach. The program does not currently have such components.
- Explicitly permit customers to keep their subscriptions if they move within the same utility’s service territory. Portability is not addressed in the current rules.

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*Note: The criteria above are a subset of the full criteria used to arrive at the state grades but reflect the most substantial program design components. For more information about the Scorecard, including the full criteria applied to grade state programs and definitions for many of the terms within the criteria, see https://sharedrenewablescorecard.org/.

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