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EV Charging Boost Wins New York State Regulators' Approval

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Managed charging programs for electric vehicles that will reduce electricity burdens on nearby building infrastructure won approval for New York investor-owned utilities by the state's Public Service Commission.

The commission's decision is a key part of the EV Make-Ready program, which directs utilities to develop managed charging programs that provide incentives for charging at times most beneficial for the grid. The commission also advanced the deployment of 50,000 public and commercial charging ports and 1,500 fast-charging ports, according to a Thursday release from Gov. Kathy Hochul's (D) office.

"I am proud to say New York leads the nation in clean energy innovation to combat climate change and bring environmental justice to impacted communities," Hochul said. "Today's action brings us one step closer to a greener, emission-free future, and expand upon the benefits of electric vehicle ownership."

1. The program aims to fund 50,000 new charging ports—which charge at least twice as fast as standard wall outlets—and 1,500 direct current fast charging ports, up from the 4,571 publicly accessible chargers that existed in New York before EV Make-Ready began in 2020.
2. EV Make-Ready, with a total \$701 million budget, will run through 2025. At least \$206 million has been allocated toward low-income and historically disadvantaged communities, who are also eligible for higher incentives.
3. The effort supports the state Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act goals and the state's zero-emission vehicle goal of deploying 850,000 electric vehicles across the state by 2025.
4. Major utilities affected include Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, National Grid, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation.

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