

# Introducing the New York Green Bank

### **Mission and Vision**

- Accelerate deployment of clean energy by addressing gaps and barriers in financing markets.
- Partner with private sector entities.
  - It will not compete with them, nor will its principal role be to provide subsidy.
- Provide a bridge to an independent, sustainable and efficient private sector clean energy financing market.



## **Guiding Principles**

- Address market barriers and inefficiencies impeding scale of clean energy financing.
- Work with existing intermediaries making progress in the market.
- Focus on clean energy projects that are economically viable but not currently financeable.
- Earn a reasonable rate of return on investments
- Facilitate the development of clean energy capital markets.
- Enhance market confidence in clean energy investing.
- Maintain administrative flexibility to respond to market needs.



### **Potential Products**

- Credit Enhancement: Assist private sector lenders by taking on a portion of the risk associated with loans in return for a fee.
- Direct Lending: Simple loan products to be held on balance sheet - subordinated debt, revolving credit facilities, and term loans.
- Develop Secondary Markets: Build pool of loans through direct lending to borrowers and replenish funds by selling pool into capital markets.



### **Benefits**

Drive Value for Ratepayers by Leveraging Private Capital

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- Expand private investment in clean energy at a lower cost to ratepayers by leveraging **multiples of private capital** and to redeploy them once investments mature.
- The Green Bank can drive more value for the public dollar by preserving/ growing its capital.

Transform the Market

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- Increase investor confidence in clean energy financing by improving understanding of and reducing perceived risk.
- Develop a supplier base through growing the market.
- Enable the transition to a formal, standardized, scalable and more predictable clean energy financing market with a reduced need for state/ rate-payer funded incentives.

Provide Public Benefits

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 Generate public benefits – cleaner environment, more resilient energy system, economic benefits (e.g. creation of well-paying jobs) and lowered costs of energy.



## **Operating Principles**

- Prudent steward of ratepayer funds
  - Strong risk management, internal controls, accountability, and performance measurement
- Oriented to engage with private sector finance entities on a commercial basis
- Experienced leadership and staff, with strong Investment Committee and Advisory Council



## Booz & Company was retained by the State to assist in building the business plan for the New York Green Bank

#### Booz & Company's Role

- Key objectives of the business plan: assess the market needs for a Green Bank, analyze and demonstrate the value of a Green Bank approach to stakeholders, outline potential offerings of the Green Bank, and chart a path to execution.
- The Booz & Company team worked with NYSERDA to develop these materials.

### Activities Performed

- Market needs assessment included ~90 market interviews and a baseline analysis of other Green Bank initiatives and clean energy incentive programs in New York State.
- Market analysis determined size of opportunity for Green Bank.
- **Impact analysis** illustrated the potential for Green Bank returns and its ability to leverage private capital.
- Road map for implementation.

#### **Findings**

- Booz & Company concluded that the New York Green Bank is a viable endeavor that will add significant value to the State's clean energy portfolio by financing clean energy projects with a mechanism that preserves and recycles public funds.
- The Green Bank model should be enabled by flexibility, strategic partnerships, longitudinal sustainability, and supporting policy.
- Risk factors requiring management attention include **financial risk**, **market positioning**, **and organizational stand up**.

## Several financing barriers exist for clean energy projects

**NOT EXHAUSTIVE** 

#### **Market Assessment Findings**

Key Barriers	Description			
Undeveloped Secondary Market	<ul> <li>Challenges to securitization: Non-conformity of existing energy financial products and limited track record for rating agencies.</li> </ul>			
Large Upfront Costs	End users unwilling to incur large pre-development costs in order to determine whether energy benefits are net positive.			
De-prioritization of Energy Projects	Energy projects compete for funding with other capital-intensive end-user projects.			
Energy Efficiency Loans Are Often Unsecured	Energy efficiency loans typically lack a collateral asset.			
Insufficient Understanding of Value Proposition	Outside of large, sophisticated C&I (commercial and industrial) customers, clean energy project savings are not well understood.			
Split Incentives	Split incentives arise from the fact that landlords pay for energy upgrades while tenants reap savings from energy bill.			

#### **Financing Gaps**

Medium Credit
Quality
Financing

Small Scale Financing

Financing for Commercially Viable Technologies Yet to Achieve Scale

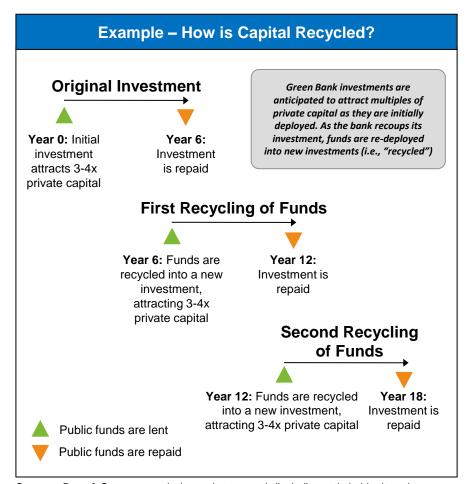
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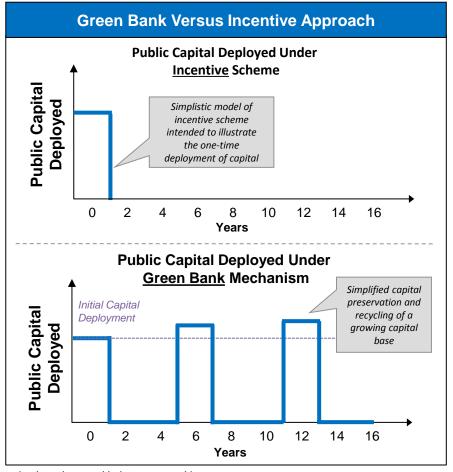
Long Tenor Financing

Source: ~90 interviews with market constituents and stakeholders

## The Green Bank is uniquely positioned to leverage private capital while preserving ratepayer funds

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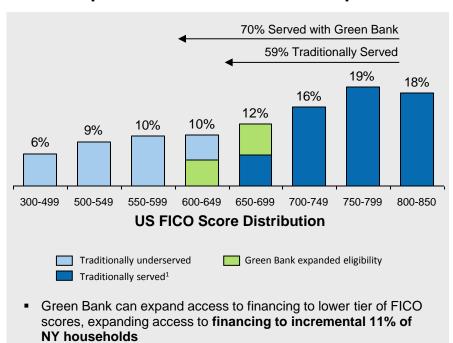


Source: Booz & Company analysis, market research (including stakeholder interviews, concept testing interviews and industry research)

## Additionally, the Green Bank can expand access to capital for a broad range of end-use customers

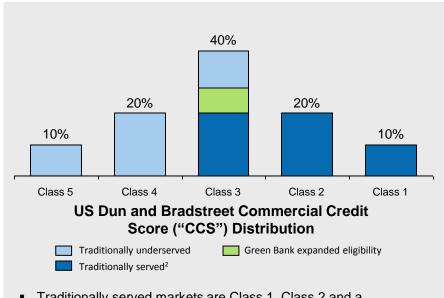
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#### **Example for Residential Market Expansion**



- Total New York households is ~ 8,000,000
- Impact is equivalent to an additional ~880,000 households in NY¹

#### **Example for Commercial Market Expansion**



- Traditionally served markets are Class 1, Class 2 and a percentage of Class 3 (~50% of businesses)
- The Green Bank can provide service to more businesses within Class 3 and as a result cover an additional 4%-8% of businesses<sup>3</sup>
- The Green Bank would expand eligibility from 50% of businesses to 54%-58% of businesses
- 1) 8,000,000 x (5% + 6%); based on expanding eligibility from 0% of 600-649 and 50% of 650-699 range to 50% of 600-649 and 100% of 650-699 range
- 2) Based on market interviews, desk research and market sizing analysis
- 3) Assumes that Green Bank will expand served market from 50% of Class 3 to between 60% and 70% of Class 3. This is equivalent to incremental 4% (10% \* 40%) to 8% (20% \* 40%) Source: 2013 NYSERDA Strategic Plan, market research/ interviews, Booz & Company analysis

## To deliver these benefits, the Green Bank must maintain operational flexibility and seek strategic partnerships

#### Requisites for a Successful New York Green Bank

#### **Flexibility**

- The Green Bank should be flexible and adaptive in order to:
  - Balance the diversity of organizational objectives.
  - Respond to the market as it reacts to the Green Bank's offerings.
  - Maintain a "light touch" to ensure that the private sector is not crowded out.

## Strategic Partnerships

- Essential for the Green Bank to create rapid and tangible impact by utilizing market platforms.
- Allow the Green Bank to operate at a wholesale level and leverage capabilities of existing organizations to develop a pipeline of projects.

## Longitudinal Sustainability

- The Green Bank needs to secure longitudinal sustainability to execute its mandate.
  - The market needs to have confidence that the institution will remain in place for multiple years.
  - The market needs to "organize around \$1B," requiring the full extent of capitalization.

## Supporting Policy

A policy framework must be created to ensure that Green Bank products are coordinated with other state/ rate-payer funded incentives to optimize the return to the ratepayers.

## Key financial and non-financial risks must be monitored and mitigated

#### **Key Risk Categories**

#### **Financial Risks**

**Default Risk** 

 Risk that borrower defaults due to inability to make payments on time or at all, or due to project performance reasons.

Balance Sheet Risk  Risk that the Green Bank is unable to off-load assets (e.g., warehouse) from its balance sheet, thereby tying up capital and foregoing recycle rate.

Capital Deployment Risk  Risk that capital allocated is not deployed rapidly enough due to lower demand than expected for segment-specific or market-related reasons.

#### **Non-Financial Risks**

Capabilities Risk  Risk that capabilities required to implement offerings are not fully met or not met in a timely manner, leading to a delay in offering roll-out.

Partnership Risk  Risk that partners back out or revoke existing agreements due to changes in priorities or financial inability to meet requirements.

Legal / Regulatory Risk  Risk that legal or regulatory changes adversely impact offering demand or the ability to structure products as originally designed.

Political Risk  Risk that political or public events adversely impact the perception or outcome of Green Bank's objectives, resulting in overall entity risk.

Source: Booz & Company analysis

## Several commonly-used financial products may enable the Green Bank to address the aforementioned financing gaps

#### **Hypothetical Green Bank Product Families**

HYPOTHETICAL

	Description of Product Families		
Credit Enhancement / LLRF <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Includes loan loss reserves and credit enhancement products funded by a reserve.</li> <li>Products assist private sector lenders by taking on a portion of the risk associated with loans in return for a fee.</li> </ul>		
Warehouses for Securitization	<ul> <li>Direct provision of financing with the intention of bundling loans for securitization.</li> <li>Build pool of loans through direct lending to borrowers and replenish funds by selling pool into capital markets.</li> </ul>		
Direct Lending/ Investing	<ul> <li>Simple loan products to be held on balance sheet.</li> <li>Examples of direct investments include subordinated debt, revolving credit facilities, and term loans.</li> </ul>		
Structured Products (Tax Equity Fund)	<ul> <li>More complex investments that may serve multiple functions in a single bespoke arrangement.</li> <li>Examples of structured products include a tax equity fund that combines a debt investment, an equity investment and a loan loss reserve to support parallel private investments.</li> </ul>		

<sup>1)</sup> LLRF stands for Loan Loss Reserve Fund

## **Funding**

Initial Capitalization:

	Amount (\$mil)
PSC Petition	
> NYSERDA SBC3 uncommitted program funds	\$3.5
> NYSERDA EEPS1 uncommitted program funds	\$22.1
> Utility EEPS1 uncommitted program funds	\$90.0
> RPS funding	<u>\$50.0</u>
Total Petition	\$165.6
RGGI funds (Mar-Sept 2013 auctions)	<u>\$44.7</u>
Total Phase I Funding	<u>\$210.3</u>

Subsequent Capitalization- Determined through 2014 proceeding



### **Timeline**

#### Regulatory:

- Petition submitted 9/9
- Notice for Public Comment 9/13
- Technical Conference 10/15
- Comments due 11/12
- Commission Decision Dec 2013
- Proceeding for Phase II funding 2014

### Operational:

- Staffing
- Processes Approach to Market
- Anticipate operational Q1 2014



## **Illustration: Financing Barriers**

S&P: AAA Moody's: Aaa (See "RATINGS" herein)

#### NEW ISSUE — BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, interest on the Series 2013A Bonds (as hereinafter defined) (i) is included in gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) is exempt, under existing statutes from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). See "TAX MATTERS" herein.



#### \$24,300,000 NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Residential Energy Efficiency Financing Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A (Federally Taxable)

Dated: Date of Delivery Due: July 1, as shown below

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (the "Authority") is offering its Residential Energy Efficiency Financing Revenue Bonds, Series 2013A (the "Series 2013A Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount set forth above.

The Series 2013A Bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely from and secured by Pledged Loan Payments and Pledged Interest Subsidies held by The Bank of New York Mellon (the "Trustee"), under the Indenture (as hereinafter defined).

Interest on the Series 2013A Bonds will be payable on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing on January 1, 2014.

#### Serial Bonds: \$18,455,000

July 1 Maturity	Principal Amount	Interest Rate %	Price %	$\mathbf{CUSIP}^{\dagger}$
2014	\$2,195,000	0.350	100	64985LAA6
2015	2,080,000	0.550	100	64985LAB4
2016	2,105,000	1.028	100	64985LAC2
2017	1,930,000	1.621	100	64985LAD0
2018	1,775,000	1.971	100	64985LAE8
2019	1,755,000	2.372	100	64985LAF5
2020	1,800,000	2.772	100	64985LAG3
2021	1,780,000	2.986	100	64985LAH1
2022	1,590,000	3.206	100	64985LAJ7
2023	1,445,000	3.406	100	64985LAK4

\$5,845,000 4.106% Term Bond due July 1, 2028, Price 100%, CUSIP<sup>†</sup> number 64985LAL2

Payments, when due, of principal of, interest on and redemption premium, if any, on the Series 2013A Bonds are guaranteed pursuant to the Series 2013A Guarantee (the "Series 2013A Guarantee") issued by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (the "Guarantor"),



## **Summary**

- Closed August 2013
- Secured by 3,263 Residential EE loans (\$29.2M) 879(\$9.2M) OBR
- 126% Coverage ratio; 110% minimum required
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corp Guarantee from State Revolving Fund (US EPA Clean Water programs)
  - US EPA approval of nexus clean energy clean water
  - Leverages maturity/credit quality of clean water
  - Resulted in <u>AAA</u> rating based on EFC SRF rating
  - Funded reserve \$8.5M to protect EFC/SRF Guarantee
- Also used State QECB Federal interest subsidy
- Taxable interest rate 3.2%; net rate after QECB < .5%</li>
- Addresses underdeveloped secondary markets for clean energy
- Replicable national model
- Selected Deal of the Year: Small Issuer Category by The Bond Buyer





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