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Introduced by M. of A. SCHIMMINGER, KEARNS, WALTER, DiPIETRO, GIGLIO --
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and
referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to allowing public
utilities to purchase, own and operate small wind turbines and solar
photovoltaic systems

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
66-i to read as follows:

§ 66-i. Purchase of wind turbines. 1. Commencing September first, two
thousand seventeen, a public utility company may purchase small wind
turbines and solar photovoltaic systems. Such companies may operate the
wind turbines and solar photovoltaic systems on land that is owned, or
accessible to, the public utility company. The turbines and systems
shall be directly connected to the public utility's electric grid.

2. Any wind turbine or solar photovoltaic system purchased and
installed by a public utility company must comply with all local laws
and ordinances, including, but not limited to:

(a) height requirements;

(b) noise restrictions;

(c) safety procedures;

(d) specified allotment of equipment on a specific parcel of land; and

(e) the use of certified individuals for the installation and
connection of the equipment.

3. All turbines and systems purchased and installed pursuant to this
section must be approved by the local municipality in which such
turbines and systems are being operated.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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