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communications

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring cell
towers to be equipped with a back-up power source in case of a power
outage

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

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 399-yyy to read as follows:

3 § 399-yyy. Cellular network infrastructure; backup power. 1. Every
4 owner or operator of cellular network infrastructure located in this
5 state shall, to the extent practicable, equip all such cellular network
6 infrastructure with an emergency back-up power source capable of provid-
7 ing adequate power to maintain the operation of such cellular network
8 infrastructure in the case of a loss of power.

9 2. For the purposes of this section, "cellular network infrastructure"
10 shall mean any part of a radio telecommunications network that provides
11 wireless communications infrastructure to support cellular phones,
12 located throughout a geographical coverage area, including, but not
13 limited to, cell towers.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
15 have become a law.

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

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