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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the energy law, in relation to the New York power authority's conferral process

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "public renewables transparency act".

3 § 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 27-a of section 1005 of the public  
4 authorities law, as amended by section 28 of part 0 of chapter 58 of the  
5 laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d) No later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of  
7 this subdivision, and annually thereafter, the authority shall confer  
8 with the New York state energy research and development authority, the  
9 department of public service, climate and resiliency experts, labor  
10 organizations, and environmental justice and community organizations  
11 concerning the state's progress on meeting the renewable energy goals  
12 established by the climate leadership and community protection act. **At**

13 each board of trustees' meeting, there shall be a public report deliv-  
14 ered and published on the development and implementation of the authori-  
15 ty's renewable energy generation strategic plan. The authority shall  
16 also maintain a public dashboard demonstrating their progress in imple-  
17 menting the authority's renewable energy generation strategic plan. When

18 exercising the authority provided for in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
19 sion, the information developed through such conferral shall be used to  
20 identify projects to help ensure that the state meets its goals under  
21 the climate leadership and community protection act. Any conferral  
22 provided for in this paragraph shall include consideration of the timing

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

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1 of projects in the interconnection queue of the federally designated  
2 electric bulk system operator for New York state, taking into account  
3 both capacity factors or planned projects and the interconnection  
4 queue's historical completion rate. A report on the information devel-  
5 oped through such conferral shall be published and made accessible on  
6 the website of the authority, including, but not limited to, the basis  
7 of the conferral report. The published basis shall include notes from  
8 the conferral meetings.

9 § 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 27-a of section 1005 of the public  
10 authorities law, as added by section 1 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the  
11 laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

12 (d) No later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of  
13 this subdivision, and annually thereafter, the authority shall confer  
14 with the New York state energy research and development authority, the  
15 office of renewable energy siting, the department of public service,  
16 climate and resiliency experts, labor organizations, and environmental  
17 justice and community organizations concerning the state's progress on  
18 meeting the renewable energy goals established by the climate leadership  
19 and community protection act. At each board of trustees' meeting, there  
20 shall be a public report delivered and published on the development and  
21 implementation of the authority's renewable energy generation strategic  
22 plan. The authority shall also maintain a public dashboard demonstrat-  
23 ing their progress in implementing the authority's renewable energy  
24 generation strategic plan. When exercising the authority provided for in  
25 paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the information developed through  
26 such conferral shall be used to identify projects to help ensure that  
27 the state meets its goals under the climate leadership and community  
28 protection act. Any conferral provided for in this paragraph shall  
29 include consideration of the timing of projects in the interconnection  
30 queue of the federally designated electric bulk system operator for New  
31 York state, taking into account both capacity factors or planned  
32 projects and the interconnection queue's historical completion rate. A  
33 report on the information developed through such conferral shall be  
34 published and made accessible on the website of the authority, includ-  
35 ing, but not limited to, the basis of the conferral report. The  
36 published basis shall include notes from the conferral meetings.

37 § 4. Clauses (J) and (K) of subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (e) of  
38 subdivision 27-a of section 1005 of the public authorities law, as added  
39 by section 1 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, are amended  
40 to read as follows:

41 (J) the state's progress towards achieving the renewable energy goals  
42 of the climate leadership and community protection act; ~~and~~

43 (K) methodologies and modeling showing their financial and technical  
44 capabilities in a variety of scenarios including but not limited to  
45 bonding capabilities, expected return on investment, energy needs,  
46 renewable progress, siting potential, grid interconnection, existing  
47 labor pool needs, and job creation. The strategic plan shall include  
48 quantitative assessments of various borrowing scenarios, including using  
49 green bonds to raise capital for renewable energy development as well as  
50 the impact that each scenario would have on the authority's bond rating  
51 and the estimated additional interest expense associated with a poten-  
52 tial rating change. The strategic plan shall assess the potential for  
53 leveraging other sources of capital within the authority, such as  
54 economic development funds, other sources of state funding, and opportu-  
55 nities for federal assistance; and

56 (L) any other information the authority determines to be appropriate.

1 § 5. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 27-a of  
2 section 1005 of the public authorities law, as added by section 1 of  
3 part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 (vii) The authority shall post a draft of the strategic plan on its  
6 website for public comment for a period of at least sixty days starting  
7 no later than October eleventh, and shall hold at least [~~three~~] six  
8 public hearings on the draft strategic plan in regionally diverse parts  
9 of the state. In-person hearings shall be held in locations with access  
10 to public transit. The authority shall provide an option for stakehold-  
11 ers to submit comments remotely as well, and incorporate feedback from  
12 such sessions and written comments into the final draft of the strategic  
13 plan. Comments shall be made public no later than five days after the  
14 comment period ends.

15 § 6. Section 6-102 of the energy law, as added by chapter 433 of the  
16 laws of 2009, subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 as amended by chapter 195 of the  
17 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 6-102. State energy planning board. 1. There shall be established a  
19 state energy planning board, hereinafter referred to as the "board",  
20 which shall consist of the chair of the public service commission, the  
21 commissioner of environmental conservation, the chief executive officer  
22 of the New York power authority, the commissioner of economic develop-  
23 ment, the commissioner of transportation, the commissioner of labor, the  
24 commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency  
25 services, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, the commissioner  
26 of health, the secretary of state and the president of the New York  
27 state energy research and development authority. The governor, the  
28 speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate shall  
29 each appoint one additional representative to serve on the board. The  
30 presiding officer of the federally designated electric bulk system oper-  
31 ator (BSO) shall serve as a non-voting member of the board. Any decision  
32 or action by the board shall be by majority vote. The president of the  
33 New York state energy research and development authority shall serve as  
34 chair of the board. Members of the board may designate an executive  
35 staff representative to participate on the board on their behalf.

36 2. Regional planning councils shall be established. Two regions shall  
37 be established as follows:

38 (a) Downstate region - New York City and Dutchess, Nassau, Orange,  
39 Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Ulster and Westchester counties;

40 (b) Upstate region - Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga,  
41 Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware,  
42 Erie, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer,  
43 Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara,  
44 Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Sarato-  
45 ga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben,  
46 Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates  
47 counties.

48 The governor, temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the  
49 assembly shall each appoint three regional planning council members per  
50 region. Regional planning council members shall serve without compen-  
51 sation, and shall have their principal residence within the region for  
52 which they are appointed. Such regional council members may solicit  
53 input from stakeholder interests within their region, including but not  
54 limited to local governments, municipal utilities, rural electric coop-  
55 eratives, utilities, labor unions, ratepayers, businesses, trade associ-  
56 ations, generators, and community organizations. Each regional planning

1 council shall transmit to the board a report containing any recommenda-  
2 tions specific to its region on a schedule determined by the board to be  
3 appropriate for consideration of such report in the development of the  
4 draft energy plan.

5 3. Staff services shall be performed by personnel of the department of  
6 public service, the department of environmental conservation, the New  
7 York power authority, the department of transportation, the department  
8 of economic development, the division of homeland security and emergency  
9 services and the New York state energy research and development authori-  
10 ty, as directed by the board. Assistance shall also be made available,  
11 as requested by the board, from other agencies, departments and public  
12 authorities of the state. The board may provide for its own represen-  
13 tation in all actions or proceedings in which it is a party.

14 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-  
15 ments to paragraph (d) of subdivision 27-a of section 1005 of the public  
16 authorities law made by section two of this act shall be subject to the  
17 expiration and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 34 of  
18 part 0 of chapter 58 of the laws of 2024, as amended, when upon such  
19 date the provisions of section three of this act shall take effect.