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ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to New York state
renewable electric generation pilot programs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 73 to read as follows:
3 S 73. NEW YORK STATE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION PILOT PROGRAMS. 1.
4 THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH NEW YORK STATE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENER-
5 ATION PILOT PROGRAMS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO THREE HUNDRED
6 MEGAWATTS OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC CAPACITY STATEWIDE, IN ORDER TO STIMU-
7 LATE THE GROWTH OF CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, AND RELIABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY AND
8 TO FOSTER NEW PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS, ENERGY PRODUC-
9 ERS AND ENERGY CUSTOMERS IN NEW YORK STATE.
10 2. (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT
11 PROGRAMS AND SHALL DIRECT ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS TO BUILD OR CAUSE TO BE
12 BUILT RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES TO BE FINANCED UNDER TERMS ESTABLISHED
13 THROUGH AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE CAPITAL AND
14 OPERATING COSTS TO BE RECOVERED IN THE CORPORATIONS RATE BASE AND TO
15 EARN A REASONABLE RETURN OVER A PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMIS-
16 SION, PROVIDED THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL, AT MINIMUM, PROVIDE THE
17 COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING:
18 (I) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED
19 INVESTMENT;
20 (II) A DISCUSSION OF THE COSTS, BENEFITS, AND RISKS OF THE PROPOSAL,
21 INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF THE COSTS, BENEFITS, AND RATE IMPLICATIONS TO
22 THE PARTICIPATING CUSTOMERS, TO THE COMPANY'S DEFAULT SERVICE CUSTOMERS,
23 AND TO THE UTILITY'S DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMERS;

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

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1 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY EQUIPMENT OR INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS,
2 SOLICITATIONS, AND PROCUREMENTS IT HAS IMPLEMENTED OR INTENDS TO IMPL-
3 MENT;

4 (IV) A SHOWING THAT IT HAS MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO INVOLVE LOCAL
5 BUSINESSES IN ITS PROGRAM;

6 (V) EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE EMISSION LIMITATIONS;
7 AND

8 (VI) A COPY OF ANY CUSTOMER CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED AS
9 PART OF THE PROGRAM.

10 (B) RENEWABLE GENERATION FACILITIES ELIGIBLE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AND
11 FINANCED UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION PILOT
12 PROGRAMS SHALL:

13 (I) GENERATE ELECTRICITY THROUGH USE OF THE FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGIES:
14 PHOTOVOLTAIC, SOLAR THERMAL, WIND, PLANT AND FOREST PRODUCTS, AGRICUL-
15 TURAL WASTES, TIDAL, GEOTHERMAL, FUEL CELLS USING RENEWABLE FUELS; OR

16 (II) GENERATE ELECTRICITY THROUGH LOW-IMPACT, RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROELEC-
17 TRIC ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT WITH CAPACITY UP TO THIRTY MEGAWATTS
18 WITH NO NEW STORAGE IMPOUNDMENT;

19 (III) BE MANUFACTURED, INSTALLED AND OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
20 APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS;

21 (IV) CONNECT TO THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM AND OPERATED IN PARALLEL WITH AN
22 ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES;

23 (V) OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS ESTAB-
24 LISHED BY THE COMMISSION; AND

25 (VI) BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING FACILITIES THAT CONSIST OF
26 CUSTOMER-OWNED OR LEASED GENERATORS.

27 (C) AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS TO OWN AN EQUITY INTEREST IN SUCH
28 FACILITIES AND ALLOW PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS,
29 DEVELOPERS, AND/OR CUSTOMER-OWNED OR LEASED GENERATORS.

30 S 2. The public service commission shall provide an annual report on
31 or before the first day of June to the governor, the temporary president
32 of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the
33 senate, and the minority leader of the assembly reporting the progress
34 of their efforts and the effects of the program on the environment and
35 public. Such report shall identify each facility participating in the
36 pilot project and shall include, but not be limited to, information on
37 each energy source or sources used for generation at such facility; the
38 sum capacity, in megawatts, of all electrical generating equipment used
39 by the facility; the date the facility will begin or has begun generat-
40 ing electricity; and the number and category of customer-owned or leased
41 generators.

42 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
43 not later than the one hundred eightieth day after this act shall have
44 become a law, the public service commission shall have in place a
45 competitive process which shall be open to electric corporations.