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AN ACT to amend the public service law and the public authorities law, in relation to external disconnect switches on solar electric generating equipment

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 66-j of the public service law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) a manual lockable disconnect switch provided by the customer-generator which shall be located on the outside of the customer's premises and externally accessible for the purpose of isolating the residential solar and farm waste electric generating equipment. HOWEVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRE THE USE OF SUCH A MANUAL LOCKABLE DISCONNECT SWITCH ON RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE KILOWATTS, WHEN SUCH EQUIPMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES INTERCONNECTION STANDARD 1747.

S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5-a of section 66-j of the public service law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

(ii) a manual lockable disconnect switch provided by the customer-generator which shall be located on the outside of the customer-generator's premises and externally accessible for the purpose of isolating the solar electric generating equipment. HOWEVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRE THE USE OF SUCH A MANUAL LOCKABLE DISCONNECT SWITCH ON NON-RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE KILOWATTS, WHEN SUCH EQUIPMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES INTERCONNECTION STANDARD 1747.

S 3. Section 1020-cc of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 517 of the laws of 1986 and as renumbered by chapter 334 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

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

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S 1020-cc. Authority subject to certain provisions contained in the state finance law, the public service law, the social services law and the general municipal law. All contracts of the authority shall be subject to the provisions of the state finance law relating to contracts made by the state. The authority shall also establish rules and regulations with respect to providing to its residential gas, electric and steam utility customers those rights and protections provided in article two and sections one hundred seventeen and one hundred eighteen of the public service law and section one hundred thirty-one-s of the social services law. THE AUTHORITY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIXTY-SIX-J OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW. The authority shall let contracts for construction or purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment pursuant to section one hundred three and paragraph (e) of subdivision four of section one hundred twenty-w of the general municipal law.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.