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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:

1     Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of  
2     section 66-j of the public service law, as amended by chapter 355 of the  
3     laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (ii) a manual lockable disconnect switch provided by the customer-gen-  
5     erator which shall be located on the outside of the customer's premises  
6     and externally accessible for the purpose of isolating the residential  
7     solar and farm waste electric generating equipment. HOWEVER, UNDER NO  
8     CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRE THE USE OF SUCH A MANUAL  
9     LOCKABLE DISCONNECT SWITCH ON RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OF  
10    NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE KILOWATTS, WHEN SUCH EQUIPMENT IS IN COMPLI-  
11    ANCE WITH UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES INTERCONNECTION STANDARD 1747.  
12    S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5-a of section  
13    66-j of the public service law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of  
14    2009, is amended to read as follows:  
15    (ii) a manual lockable disconnect switch provided by the customer-gen-  
16    erator which shall be located on the outside of the customer-generator's  
17    premises and externally accessible for the purpose of isolating the  
18    solar electric generating equipment. HOWEVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES  
19    SHALL SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRE THE USE OF SUCH A MANUAL LOCKABLE DISCON-  
20    NECT SWITCH ON NON-RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OF NOT MORE THAN  
21    TWENTY-FIVE KILOWATTS, WHEN SUCH EQUIPMENT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNDER-  
22    WRITERS LABORATORIES INTERCONNECTION STANDARD 1747.  
23    S 3. Section 1020-cc of the public authorities law, as added by chap-  
24    ter 517 of the laws of 1986 and as renumbered by chapter 334 of the laws  
25    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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1 S 1020-cc. Authority subject to certain provisions contained in the  
2 state finance law, the public service law, the social services law and  
3 the general municipal law. All contracts of the authority shall be  
4 subject to the provisions of the state finance law relating to contracts  
5 made by the state. The authority shall also establish rules and regu-  
6 lations with respect to providing to its residential gas, electric and  
7 steam utility customers those rights and protections provided in article  
8 two and sections one hundred seventeen and one hundred eighteen of the  
9 public service law and section one hundred thirty-one-s of the social  
10 services law. THE AUTHORITY SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION  
11 SIXTY-SIX-J OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW. The authority shall let contracts  
12 for construction or purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment pursu-  
13 ant to section one hundred three and paragraph (e) of subdivision four  
14 of section one hundred twenty-w of the general municipal law.  
15 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.