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AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to directing the New York state energy research and development authority to conduct a study related to a comprehensive energy plan for the downstate region of the state

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

- 1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 1855-a to read as follows:  
3 S 1855-A. COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN. 1. THE AUTHORITY IS  
4 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY TO  
5 ANALYZE THE ELECTRICITY AND STEAM CAPACITY AND POWER DISTRIBUTION GRID  
6 CONDITIONS IN THE DOWNSTATE REGION OF THE STATE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
7 SECTION, "DOWNSTATE" SHALL BE DEFINED AS THAT REGION LOCATED SOUTH OF  
8 THE MILLWOOD - SOUTH TRANSMISSION INTERFACE. SUCH STUDY SHALL INCLUDE,  
9 BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO:  
10 (A) AN ANALYSIS OF PROJECTED POWER NEEDS AND AN ASSESSMENT OF EXIST-  
11 ING:  
12 (I) GENERATING FACILITIES WITH A CAPACITY OF TWENTY MEGAWATTS OR MORE;  
13 (II) POWER GRID CAPACITY AND LOAD POCKETS;  
14 (III) NATURAL GAS AND OTHER FUEL SOURCE CAPACITY;  
15 (IV) SUBSTATION TRANSFORMERS; AND  
16 (V) EMERGENCY GENERATORS;  
17 (B) AN ANALYSIS OF FUTURE POWER NEEDS;  
18 (C) AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF GENERATING FACILITIES WITH A CAPAC-  
19 ITY OF TWENTY MEGAWATTS OR MORE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:  
20 (I) EMISSIONS;  
21 (II) WATER IMPACTS;

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

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- 1 (III) LAND USE IMPACTS;  
2 (IV) TRAFFIC IMPACTS; AND  
3 (V) NOISE IMPACTS;  
4 (D) THE IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF OVERSATURATION OF POWER FACILITIES;  
5 AND  
6 (E) AN ASSESSMENT OF ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS:  
7 (I) ENERGY EFFICIENCY;  
8 (II) LOAD CURTAILMENT;  
9 (III) CLEAN DISTRIBUTED GENERATION; AND  
10 (IV) CO-GENERATION.

11 2. THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF SUCH STUDY TO THE GOVERNOR,  
12 THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
13 CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENATE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AND  
14 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSEMBLY ENERGY COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN JANUARY  
15 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

16 3. UPON COMPLETION OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE  
17 OF THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP AN OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE  
18 ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLAN. SUCH PLAN SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS  
19 AND FINDINGS OF SUCH STUDY, AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED  
20 TO THE FOLLOWING:

21 (A) AN OUTLINE OF GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SITING POWER PLANTS;

22 (B) THE RESEARCH OF POTENTIAL SITES FOR FUTURE POWER PLANT LOCATIONS  
23 THAT MEET THE GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PARA-  
24 GRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND ARE NOT LOCATED IN AREAS OF OVERSATU-  
25 RATION;

26 (C) AN IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING PLANTS THAT SHOULD BE TARGETED FOR  
27 RE-POWERING WITH MORE EFFICIENT GENERATORS; AND

28 (D) A REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD WITHIN THE  
29 DOWNSTATE REGION DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION WITHIN  
30 SIXTY DAYS OF THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND PROVIDE  
31 ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY REGARDING SUCH PLAN.

32 4. THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF SUCH MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE  
33 GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE  
34 ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENATE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
35 COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSEMBLY ENERGY COMMITTEE NO LATER  
36 THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

37 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.