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Introduced by Sen. MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT directing the power authority of the state of New York to release requests for proposals on certain natural gas powered generating facilities in and around New York city

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

Section 1. (a) The power authority of the state of New York shall within ninety days of the effective date of this act, issue a request for the proposals to purchase from such authority one or more of the ten gas turbine electric generating facilities with a nameplate capacity of less than eighty megawatts each, owned by such authority as of the effective date of this act and located in and around the city of New York. Such request for proposals to sell such generators shall be put out for bid for a maximum of ninety days and shall include the following sites and generation facilities:

(1) Two units at Harlem River Yard Plant, located in the Harlem River Yards, at E. 132nd Street, Bronx, New York 10454;

(2) Two units at Vernon Boulevard, located at 41-98, 42-02, 42-16 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, Queens, New York 11101;

(3) Two units at the Hell Gate Plant, located at Locust Avenue, E. 132nd Street to E. 134th Street, Bronx, New York 10454;

(4) Two units at the Windsor Terrace Power Plant, located at 3rd Avenue and 23rd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11232;

(5) One unit at Pouch Terminal; located at 1 Edgewater Street, Staten Island, New York 10305; and

(6) One unit at North First Avenue and River Street, located at 47-79 River Street, Brooklyn, New York 11211.

(b) The authority shall issue such requests to determine, among other things, the likely value to New York state for the sale of such generators. The authority shall, within thirty days of the end of the solicitation period, report on the range of solicited bids to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, subject to all appropriate and applicable confidentiality requirements

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

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with respect to individual bids and information contained therein. The authority shall commence actions, as the authority's board of trustees determines appropriate and necessary, to effectuate the sale of such facilities.

(c) The authority is authorized and directed to deposit the proceeds of the sale of such generators into a special account to be administered by the New York Energy Research and Development Authority for the purposes of (i) incentivizing the repowering of load bearing electric generating facilities that currently meet or exceed the minimum standards established in the final rule of the proposed National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants provided that the eligible plants agree to repower such facility and construct new or retrofit existing electric generators, and (ii) for other associated upgrades, including but not limited to the construction or improvement of energy related infrastructure.

To the extent practicable, funds shall also be made available to provide assistance to municipal corporations as defined in section 102 of the real property tax law, that have been substantially adversely impacted by the loss of property tax revenues or the loss of revenues from payments in lieu of taxes due to the closing of a major electric generating facility.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.