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Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public service law and the public authorities law,
in relation to requiring electric generating corporations and authori-
ties to surrender ownership of renewable energy credits and attri-
butes, solar renewable energy credits, green building credits, tradea-
ble renewable certificates, and environmental credits and attributes
to the customer-generators whose equipment and renovations caused the
accrual of such credits

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

1 Section 1. Section 66-j of the public service law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:
3 6-A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, AN
4 ELECTRIC CORPORATION SHALL WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE INSTALLATION OF ELEC-
5 TRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT BY A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR OR WITHIN ONE YEAR OF
6 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WHICHEVER SHALL BE LATER,
7 SURRENDER OWNERSHIP TO EACH CUSTOMER-GENERATOR OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY
8 CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES, SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, GREEN BUILDING
9 CREDITS, TRADEABLE RENEWABLE CERTIFICATES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDITS AND
10 ATTRIBUTES WHICH ACCRUED AS THE RESULT OF THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR'S ELEC-
11 TRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT.
12 S 2. Section 66-l of the public service law is amended by adding a new
13 subdivision 6-a to read as follows:
14 6-A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, AN
15 ELECTRIC CORPORATION SHALL WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE INSTALLATION OF WIND
16 ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT BY A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR OR WITHIN ONE YEAR
17 OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WHICHEVER SHALL BE LATER,
18 SURRENDER OWNERSHIP TO EACH CUSTOMER-GENERATOR OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY
19 CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES, SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, GREEN BUILDING
20 CREDITS, TRADEABLE RENEWABLE CERTIFICATES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDITS AND

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

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1 ATTRIBUTES WHICH ACCRUED AS THE RESULT OF THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR'S WIND
2 ELECTRIC GENERATING EQUIPMENT.

3 S 3. Section 1014 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter
4 446 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

5 S 1014. Public service law not applicable to authority; inconsistent
6 provisions in other acts superseded. The rates, services and practices
7 relating to the generation, transmission, distribution and sale by the
8 authority, of power to be generated from the projects authorized by this
9 title shall not be subject to the provisions of the public service law
10 nor to regulation by, nor the jurisdiction of the department of public
11 service. Except to the extent article seven of the public service law
12 applies to the siting and operation of a major utility transmission
13 facility as defined therein, and except to the extent section eighteen-a
14 of such law provides for assessment of the authority for certain costs
15 relating thereto, AND EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SUBDIVISION SIX-A OF SECTION
16 SIXTY-SIX-J AND SUBDIVISION SIX-A OF SECTION SIXTY-SIX-L OF THE PUBLIC
17 SERVICE LAW APPLY TO THE SURRENDER OF OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
18 CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES, SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS, GREEN BUILDING
19 CREDITS, TRADABLE RENEWABLE CERTIFICATES, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDITS AND
20 ATTRIBUTES TO CUSTOMER-GENERATORS, the provisions of the public service
21 law and of the ENVIRONMENTAL conservation law and every other law relat-
22 ing to the department of public service or the public service commission
23 or to the [conservation] department OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION or to
24 the functions, powers or duties assigned to the division of water power
25 and control by chapter six hundred nineteen, of the laws of nineteen
26 hundred twenty-six, shall so far as is necessary to make this title
27 effective in accordance with its terms and purposes be deemed to be
28 superseded, and wherever any provision of law shall be found in conflict
29 with the provisions of this title or inconsistent with the purposes
30 thereof, it shall be deemed to be superseded, modified or repealed as
31 the case may require.

32 S 4. Section 1020-cc of the public authorities law, as added by chap-
33 ter 517 of the laws of 1986 and as renumbered by chapter 334 of the laws
34 of 1987, is amended to read as follows:

35 S 1020-cc. Authority subject to certain provisions contained in the
36 state finance law, the public service law, the social services law and
37 the general municipal law. All contracts of the authority shall be
38 subject to the provisions of the state finance law relating to contracts
39 made by the state. The authority shall also establish rules and regu-
40 lations with respect to providing to its residential gas, electric and
41 steam utility customers those rights and protections provided in article
42 two and sections one hundred seventeen and one hundred eighteen of the
43 public service law and section one hundred thirty-one-s of the social
44 services law. THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDI-
45 VISION SIX-A OF SECTION SIXTY-SIX-J AND SUBDIVISION SIX-A OF SECTION
46 SIXTY-SIX-L OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF
47 OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES, SOLAR RENEWABLE
48 ENERGY CREDITS, GREEN BUILDING CREDITS, TRADABLE RENEWABLE CERTIFICATES,
49 AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES TO CUSTOMER-GENERATORS. The
50 authority shall let contracts for construction or purchase of supplies,
51 materials, or equipment pursuant to section one hundred three and para-
52 graph (e) of subdivision four of section one hundred twenty-w of the
53 general municipal law.

54 S 5. Section 1868 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter
55 210 of the laws of 1962 and as renumbered by chapter 482 of the laws of
56 1976, is amended to read as follows:

1 S 1868. Inconsistent provisions of other acts. Insofar as the
2 provisions of this title are inconsistent with the provisions of any
3 other act, general or special, the provisions of this title shall be
4 controlling, provided, however, nothing contained in any provision of
5 this title shall be construed to relieve the authority of the obligation
6 on its part to comply with the provisions of article nine of the public
7 authorities law in force on the effective date of this title, including
8 the obligation to submit an annual report as specified therein.
9 PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS
10 OF SUBDIVISION SIX-A OF SECTION SIXTY-SIX-J AND SUBDIVISION SIX-A OF
11 SECTION SIXTY-SIX-L OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW RELATING TO THE SURRENDER
12 OF OWNERSHIP OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES, SOLAR RENEWABLE
13 ENERGY CREDITS, GREEN BUILDING CREDITS, TRADABLE RENEWABLE CERTIFICATES,
14 AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDITS AND ATTRIBUTES TO CUSTOMER-GENERATORS.
15 S 6. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
16 have become a law.