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AN ACT relating to creating a green energy emergency backup program

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

Section 1. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a Green Energy Emergency Backup Program shall be created and administered by the New York state energy research and development authority.

2. The New York state energy research and development authority will promulgate rules and guidelines for a program aimed at providing assistance to owners of retail motor fuel stations that seek to install renewable energy backup systems powered by renewable energy sources, including but not limited to solar and wind power. Funds provided through this program shall also allow for assistance in installing battery backup technology or other energy storage devices.

3. The authority shall conduct competitive solicitations for proposals and establish clear criteria for awards. Such competitive solicitations shall be designed in a manner and form to be determined by the authority as well as a schedule for such competitive solicitations, award selection and distribution of funds. The authority shall rank proposals received in response to competitive solicitations and choose the highest ranked proposals measured on the criteria established. No single recipient shall receive a grant exceeding fifty percent of the total installed cost of the project.

4. The authority shall make available $25 million from federal funds allocated to the state of New York for hurricane relief which were appropriated in January of 2013, that are not already directly earmarked for another clearly delineated statutory purpose, for the establishment of this grant program.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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