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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the climate change solutions program act; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the climate change solutions fund

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

1	Section 1. Article 19 of the environmental conservation law is
2	amended by adding a new title 13 to read as follows:
3	TITLE 13
4	CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM ACT
5	SECTION 19-1301. SHORT TITLE.
6	19-1303. DEFINITIONS.
7	19-1305. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.
8	19-1307. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM.
9	19-1309. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.
10	19-1311. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
11	19-1313. CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.
12	S 19-1301. SHORT TITLE.
13	THIS TITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE CLIMATE CHANGE
14	SOLUTIONS PROGRAM ACT.
15	S 19-1303. DEFINITIONS.
16	AS USED IN THIS TITLE:
17	1. "AUTHORITY" SHALL MEAN THE STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
18	AUTHORITY, CONTINUED BY SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OF THE PUBLIC
19	AUTHORITIES LAW.
20	2. "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, SCHOOL
21	DISTRICT, OR INDIAN TRIBE OR NATION RESIDING WITHIN NEW YORK STATE, OR
22	ANY COMBINATION THEREOF.
23	3. "NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION" MEANS A CORPORATION FORMED PURSUANT TO
24	THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW AND QUALIFIED FOR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS
25	UNDER THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
	EXPLANATIONMatter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
	[] is old law to be omitted.
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4. "STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENT" MEANS PAYMENT OF MONIES BY THE STATE FOR 1 2 PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY THE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND PURSUANT TΟ 3 SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. 4 S 19-1305. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER. 5 IN ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER: 6 SHALL MAKE AN ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF FUNDS OR APPROPRIATIONS 1. 7 REOUESTED ANNUALLY FOR INCLUSION IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET; 2. MAY, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE, AS FURTHER PROVIDED WITHIN 8 THIS TITLE, CONTRACT TO MAKE, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS AVAIL-9 10 ABLE THEREFOR, STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS TOWARD THE COST OF ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO 11 12 TITLE. SUCH CONTRACTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE THIS COMPTROLLER AND, AS TO FORM, BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; 13 3. SHALL APPROVE VOUCHERS FOR THE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO 14 APPROVED 15 CONTRACTS. ALL SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL BE PAID ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER; 16 17 4. NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF 18 19 THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE ON 20 THE 21 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM AND SHALL MAKE 22 SUCH REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSULT OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES FOR 23 24 INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE PREPARATION OF SUCH REPORT AND 25 SUCH STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES SHALL PROVIDE DATA 26 AND ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE: 27 A. AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE 28 GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION RESULTING FROM THE ACTIVITIES ESTIMATED 29 DESCRIBED IN THIS TITLE, THE ESTIMATED IMPACT ON CONSUMER ELECTRIC AND HEATING BILLS, AND THE PROGRAM'S OVERALL IMPACT ON ENERGY DEMAND; 30 B. A DETAILED LISTING OF FUND RECEIPTS INCLUDING: 31 32 (I) ALLOWANCE TRADING PRICES, 33 (II) TOTAL QUARTERLY RECEIPTS, 34 (III) TOTAL ANNUAL RECEIPTS, AND 35 (IV) TOTAL LIFE-TO-DATE RECEIPTS; C. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXPENDITURES INCLUDING: 36 37 (I) TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS, 38 (II) TOTAL PROJECT COSTS, (III) TOTAL COMMITMENTS, 39 (IV) TOTAL OUTSTANDING ENCUMBRANCES, 40 (V) TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE DISBURSEMENTS, 41 42 (VI) TOTAL LIFE-TO-DATE DISBURSEMENTS, AND 43 (VII) THE TOTAL REMAINING UNCOMMITTED FUND BALANCE; AND 44 5. MAY PERFORM SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER ACTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, PROPER 45 OR DESIRABLE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE. S 19-1307. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROGRAM. 46 47 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION: 48 Α. "CLEAN-FUELED VEHICLE" SHALL MEAN ANY MOTOR VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN 49 SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, THAT 50 ELECTRICITY, INCLUDING ELECTRICITY EITHER STORED OR GENERATED USES 51 ON-BOARD, AS ITS PRIMARY MOTIVE FORCE, OR THAT IS FUELED BY NATURAL GAS, 52 PROPANE, OR HYDROGEN. B. "COSTS" MEAN THE CAPITAL COST OF A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 53 54 REDUCTION PROJECT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING AND ARCHITEC-55 TURAL SERVICES, SURVEYS, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; CONSULTANT AND LEGAL

56 SERVICES.

C. "GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECTS" MEAN THE PURCHASE AND

2 INSTALLATION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TECHNOLOGIES. 3 "GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TECHNOLOGIES" SHALL INCLUDE BUT D. 4 NOT BE LIMITED TO: 5 (I) COGENERATION TECHNOLOGIES, WHICH SHALL MEAN ANY ONE OF THE SEVERAL 6 TECHNOLOGIES WHEREIN WASTE HEAT FROM ON-SITE ELECTRIC GENERATION PROCESS 7 IS RECOVERED TO PROVIDE STEAM OR HOT WATER TO MEET ON-SITE NEEDS, SUCH 8 HEATING AND/OR AIR CONDITIONING AND WHICH ATTAINS OVERALL SYSTEM AS 9 EFFICIENCY AS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, CONSIDERING BOTH THERMAL 10 AND ELECTRICAL PROCESSES TOGETHER; 11 FURNACE AND BOILER REPLACEMENTS AND RETROFITS, PROVIDED THAT NEW (II)12 OR RETROFITTED FURNACES AND BOILERS SHALL NOT AT ANY TIME OPERATE ON DIESEL FUEL WITH A SULFUR CONTENT GREATER THAN 0.05 PERCENT BY WEIGHT; 13 14 (III) THE PURCHASE OF CLEAN FUELED VEHICLES OR THE CONVERSION OF 15 EXISTING VEHICLES TO CLEAN FUELED VEHICLES; AND (IV) OTHER MEASURES THAT WILL REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR AND/OR THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY, INCLUDING FUELS, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT 16 17 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE AUTHORITY. 18 19 2. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED, WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, TO MAKE 20 STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS FOR APPROVED GREENHOUSE 21 EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECTS TO MUNICIPALITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT GAS 22 CORPORATIONS. 23 3. ANY MUNICIPALITY OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION UPON APPROVAL OF ITS GOVERNING BODY MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN SUCH FORM 24 25 CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION 26 27 PROJECTS. 4. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO 28 PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION 29 PROJECTS, PROVIDED THAT PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT RESULT 30 IN THE HIGHEST GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTIONS. 31 32 5. STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION 33 34 ANY OTHER MONIES OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE USED FOR LOCAL SHARE. SUCH COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL COMPUTATION BY THE 35 THE COMMISSIONER UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED 36 THE 37 MAXIMUM ELIGIBLE COST SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT. 38 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS AND MAY APPROVE, 6. 39 DISAPPROVE OR RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS THERETO CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE 40 LAW. S 19-1309. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM. 41 42 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION: 43 A. "COST" SHALL MEAN THE CAPITAL COST OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT 44 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, 45 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, CONSULTANT AND LEGAL SERVICES. B. "ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS" SHALL MEAN THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLA-46 47 TION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION 48 OF ELECTRICITY AT NEW OR EXISTING BUILDINGS. 49 C. "ENERGY EFFICIENCY TECHNOLOGIES" SHALL MEAN TECHNOLOGIES THAT 50 REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: 51 (I) REPLACEMENT OF INEFFICIENT LIGHTING FIXTURES; 52 (II) APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT THAT MEET ENERGY EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE

53 STANDARDS AS IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE 16 OF THE ENERGY LAW; AND

54 (III) OTHER SUCH MEASURES THAT WILL REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR AND/OR THE 55 CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY.

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"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS, LOANS, D. INTEREST SUBSIDIES, ZERO PERCENT INTEREST LOANS, AND/OR ENERGY PERFORM-ANCE CONTRACTS, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION 9-102 OF THE ENERGY LAW. 2. THE AUTHORITY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS FOR APPROVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS. 3. ANY NEW YORK ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE AUTHORITY FOR THE COST OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS IN SUCH FORM CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS THE AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE. 4. PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT: A. ESTIMATE THE HIGHEST AMOUNT OF ENERGY SAVINGS AS MEASURED AGAINST A THREE YEAR BASELINE; OR B. ARE CONDUCTED IN (I) AREAS WITH CENSUS TRACTS AND BLOCK NUMBERING AREAS WHICH, AS OF THE TWO THOUSAND TEN CENSUS HAVE A POVERTY RATE OF AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT FOR THE YEAR TO WHICH THE DATA RELATE OR (II) AREAS WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF AT LEAST ONE AND ONE-QUARTER TIMES THE STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE YEAR TO WHICH THE DATA RELATE. THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL INCOME AND OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. SUCH CRITERIA SHALL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS ARE CONDUCTED IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THAT LOW AND MIDDLE CLASS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS RECEIVE ACCESS TO SUCH PROJECT FUNDING. STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF 5. THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION ANY OTHER MONIES OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE USED FOR LOCAL SHARE. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED LIMITS THE ESTABLISHED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. 6. PRIOR TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE COST OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER, RULES AND REGU-LATIONS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBLE EXPENDI-TURES AND PROCEDURES FOR GOVERNING THE COMMITMENT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. 7. SUCH COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL COMPUTATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTHORITY UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXI-MUM ELIGIBLE COST SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT. 8. THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS AND MAY APPROVE, DISAPPROVE OR RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS THERETO CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE LAW. S 19-1311. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION: A. "COST" SHALL MEAN THE CAPITAL COST OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOP-MENT PROJECT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, SURVEYS, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; CONSULTANT AND LEGAL SERVICES. B. "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" SHALL MEAN STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS AND/OR PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES THAT ARE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO REAL, VERIFIED KWH PRODUCTION GENERATED BY THE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC POWER TECH-NOLOGY.

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53 C. "RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS" MEAN THE PURCHASE AND
54 INSTALLATION OF TECHNOLOGIES DESIGNED TO CONVERT RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO
55 ELECTRICITY OR OTHER END USES, WHERE RENEWABLE ENERGY INCLUDES SOLAR,
56 WIND, TIDAL, FUEL CELL, GEOTHERMAL AND HYDROGEN, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE

COMBUSTION OR PYROLOSIS OF SOLID WASTE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-0701 OF 1 2 THIS CHAPTER OR ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

3 THE AUTHORITY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED, 2. WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 4 ON A 5 COMPETITIVE BASIS FOR APPROVED RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

6 3. ANY NEW YORK ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMER MAY SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO 7 THE AUTHORITY FOR THE COST OF RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR 8 PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES IN SUCH FORM CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION AS 9 THE AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE.

10 4. STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED NINETY PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION ANY 11 OTHER MONIES OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE 12 LOCAL SHARE. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED LIMITS ESTAB-13 14 LISHED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT 15 TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT.

16 5. SUCH COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL COMPUTATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUTHORITY UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXI-17 MUM ELIGIBLE COST SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT. 18

19 6. THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS AND MAY APPROVE, 20 DISAPPROVE OR RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS THERETO CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE 21 LAW.

22 S 19-1313. CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

A. "BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES" SHALL MEAN A VERIFIED DIESEL 24 25 EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE THAT ACHIEVES A PARTICULATE MATTER (PM) EMISSION REDUCTION OF EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE FROM UNCONTROLLED ENGINE EMIS-26 SION LEVELS, OR THAT REDUCES EMISSIONS TO LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.01 27 28 GRAMS OF PM PER BRAKE HORSEPOWER-HOUR. BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL ALSO 29 INCLUDES REPOWERING OR REPLACING THE EXISTING DIESEL ENGINE WITH AN ENGINE MEETING USEPA'S 2007 HEAVY-DUTY HIGHWAY DIESEL STANDARDS, OR IN 30 THE CASE OF A NON-ROAD ENGINE, AN ENGINE MEETING THE USEPA'S TIER 4 31 32 NON-ROAD DIESEL STANDARDS; BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL ALSO INCLUDES NEW DIESEL ENGINES MEETING SAID EMISSIONS STANDARDS. 33 34

B. "CARB" MEANS THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD.

35 C. "CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS" SHALL MEAN PROJECTS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORITY 36 37 SHALL ALSO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO INSTALL A CLOSED CRANKCASE VENTI-38 LATION SYSTEM ON ALL ENGINES.

39 D. "CLOSED CRANKCASE VENTILATION SYSTEM" OR "CCV" SHALL MEAN EQUIPMENT 40 THAT COMPLETELY CLOSES THE CRANKCASE OF A DIESEL ENGINE TO THE ATMOS-PHERE AND ROUTES THE CRANKCASE VAPOR TO THE ENGINE INTAKE AIR SYSTEM OR 41 42 THE EXHAUST SYSTEM.

43 E. "USEPA" MEANS THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

44 F. "VERIFIED DIESEL EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE" MEANS AN EMISSION CONTROL 45 DEVICE OR STRATEGY THAT HAS BEEN VERIFIED TO ACHIEVE A SPECIFIED DIESEL PM REDUCTION BY USEPA OR CARB; OR REPLACEMENT OR REPOWERING WITH AN 46 47 ENGINE THAT IS CERTIFIED TO SPECIFIC PM EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE BY USEPA 48 OR CARB.

49 2. THE AUTHORITY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED, 50 WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, TO MAKE STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO APPROVED CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS. 51

3. ANY MUNICIPALITY UPON APPROVAL OF ITS GOVERNING BODY MAY SUBMIT AN 52 APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN SUCH FORM CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION 53 54 AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE 55 COSTS OF CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.

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COSTS OF THE PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION ANY

STATE ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED NINETY PERCENT OF THE

OTHER MONIES OF THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE LOCAL SHARE. 3 4 5. SUCH COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL COMPUTATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 5 AUTHORITY UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXI-6 MUM ELIGIBLE COST SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT. 7 6. THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW SUCH APPLICATIONS AND MAY APPROVE, 8 DISAPPROVE OR RECOMMEND MODIFICATIONS THERETO CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE 9 LAW. 10 S Subdivision 1 of section 19-0301 of the environmental conserva-2. tion law is amended by adding a new paragraph g to read as follows: 11 G. PROVIDE FOR THE DEPOSIT OF REVENUES FROM THE AUCTION OF ANY EMIS-12 SIONS ALLOWANCES FOR AIR CONTAMINANTS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS 13 14 FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION NINETY-TWO-T OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW. 15 S 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-t to 16 read as follows: 17 S 92-T. CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER OF 18 19 TAXATION AND FINANCE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND". 20 21 2. THE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND SHALL CONSIST OF THEPROCEEDS 22 COLLECTED FROM THE AUCTION OF ANY EMISSIONS ALLOWANCES FOR AIR CONTAM-23 INANTS AS PROVIDED FOR DEPOSIT INTO SUCH FUND UNDER TITLE THIRTEEN OF ARTICLE NINETEEN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW AND ANY INTEREST 24 25 GENERATED BY SUCH FUND AND ANY OTHER MONIES MADE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH 26 PURPOSES. ALL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE COMPTROLLER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE CLIMATE 27 3. 28 CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND SHALL BE DEPOSITED FIRST TO THE CREDIT OF THE 29 CLIMATE CHANGE TRANSFER ACCOUNT. NO MONIES SHALL BE EXPENDED FROM ANY SUCH ACCOUNT FOR ANY PROJECT EXCEPT PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION BY 30 THE 31 LEGISLATURE. 32 A. ALL MONEYS HERETOFORE AND HEREAFTER DEPOSITED IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE 33 TRANSFER ACCOUNT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE COMPTROLLER TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT, THE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT, THE GREEN-34 HOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION ACCOUNT OR THE CLEAN AIR ACCOUNT. 35 B. MONEYS FROM THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION ACCOUNT SHALL 36 BE 37 AVAILABLE, PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION, FOR ANY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION 38 REDUCTION PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-1307 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL 39 CONSERVATION LAW. 40 MONEYS FROM THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACCOUNT SHALL BE AVAILABLE, С. PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION FOR ANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT AS DEFINED 41 42 IN SECTION 19-1309 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. 43 MONEYS FROM THE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT SHALL BE D. 44 AVAILABLE, PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATION, FOR ANY RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOP-45 MENT PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 19-1311 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSER-46 VATION LAW. 47 FROM THE CLEAN AIR ACCOUNT SHALL BE AVAILABLE, PURSUANT TO MONEYS Ε. 48 APPROPRIATION, FOR ANY CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN 49 SECTION 19-1313 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW. 50 4. MONEYS IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FUND SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE 51 AND SHALL NOT BE COMMINGLED WITH ANY OTHER MONEYS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE 52 COMPTROLLER. 5. ALL PAYMENTS OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND SHALL BE MADE ON THE AUDIT AND 53 54 THE WARRANT OF THE COMPTROLLER. 55 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.