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## IN SENATE

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AN ACT directing the public service commission to investigate the use of funds from the Systems Benefits Charge to cover costs associated with a new capacity zone

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation, the public service commission shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this act, commence a proceeding to investigate the development of a program to use funds collected for the system benefits 5 charge to pay the portion of consumers bills that results from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. ER13-1380-000 proceeding that ordered a new capacity zone be created in New York state. The commission 7 shall consult with the New York State energy research and development 8 9 authority in the preparation of its recommendations to the commission for such a determination. The proceeding must be completed within 90 days from the commencement of the proceedings. The commission shall 10 11 12 conduct at least two public hearings within the area that comprises the 13 proposed new capacity zone.

14 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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