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AN ACT to require the public service commission to develop recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law to the contrary, the public service commission, in consultation with the division of homeland security and emergency services, shall develop recommendations regarding the establishment of microgrids in the state of New York. For purposes of this act, the term "microgrid" shall mean a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid and can connect and disconnect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island-mode. Specifically, the commission shall develop recommendations which include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Whether microgrids should be established at hospitals, first responder headquarters, such as police and fire stations, emergency shelters, schools, water filtration plants, sewage treatment plants and other locations in the state of New York;

(b) The geographic areas in the state of New York where the establishment of such microgrids should be a priority, based upon severe storm damage during the two years prior to the effective date of this act; and

(c) Funding mechanisms that should be considered in order to pay for the establishment of such microgrids.

S 2. The commission shall submit a final report of recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly within one year after the effective date of this act.

S 3. 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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