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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to providing for the notification of impending emergencies by electric corporations

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

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
2 54 to read as follows:
3 S 54. NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING EMERGENCIES. 1. EVERY ELECTRIC CORPO-
4 RATION SHALL NOTIFY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A MUNICIPALITY OR THE
5 DESIGNATED AGENCY HEAD OR DEPARTMENT HEAD OF A MUNICIPALITY WHEN THERE
6 IS AN IMPENDING ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY THAT MAY AFFECT THE MUNICIPALITY.
7 EACH MUNICIPALITY NOTIFIED OF A PENDING ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY SHALL
8 PROVIDE APPROPRIATE NOTICE AND INFORMATION TO DESIGNATED MEDIA OUTLETS,
9 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ELECTRONIC, PRINT, INTERNET OR OTHER DESIG-
10 NATED PUBLIC MEDIA OUTLETS SERVING SUCH AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY.
11 2. (A) THE COMMISSION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL
12 PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF
13 THIS SECTION. THE COMMISSION SHALL SOLICIT INPUT FROM ELECTRIC CORPO-
14 RATIONS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING SUCH RULES
15 AND REGULATIONS.
16 (B) SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO
17 ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS WHICH ADDRESS THE MAGNITUDE AND SEVERITY OF THE
18 IMPENDING EMERGENCY, AS WELL AS PROTOCOLS FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE
19 PUBLIC.
20 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law.

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

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