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AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to providing oversight and monitoring the operations of an independent system operator

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

1     Section 1. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the  
2     terms:  
3     a. "independent system operator" shall mean any not-for-profit corpo-  
4     ration formed and operating in the state of New York that is approved by  
5     the United States federal energy regulatory commission to operate in the  
6     state to administer and monitor wholesale electricity markets.  
7     b. "end use sector member" shall mean any entity that purchases elec-  
8     tricity for its own consumption and not for resale.  
9     2. Board members. The board of directors of the independent system  
10    operator shall include three members who shall represent the interests  
11    of small business owners and farmers. The governor, the speaker of the  
12    assembly and the temporary president of the senate shall each appoint  
13    one such member.  
14    3. Disclosure of information. a. An independent system operator oper-  
15    ating in this state shall disclose price data related to its wholesale  
16    market operations including, but not limited to, information on real-  
17    time, hour-ahead and day-ahead bids in the independent system operator's  
18    wholesale electricity market auctions, transmission congestion contract  
19    auctions and installed capacity market auctions with no more than a  
20    three month delay. Such data shall be provided in aggregate hourly,

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

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1 daily, monthly, annual and historical data sets for comparison purposes  
2 and shall also reflect seasonal and peak load variations and averages.

3 b. The independent system operator shall also disclose the names of  
4 any bidder that submits a bid in any of the auctions described in para-  
5 graph a of this subdivision and the amount of the bid.

6 c. Such information shall be made in a format readily available and  
7 accessible to the public.

8 4. Consumer liaison. The independent system operator shall appoint an  
9 employee to serve as consumer liaison, whose primary duty shall be to  
10 interact with members of the end-use sector for the purposes of:

11 a. keeping end-use sector members informed about developments that may  
12 affect their interests;

13 b. explaining the issues and proposals under discussion and proposed  
14 for consideration at the operating committee, business issues committee  
15 and management committee as well as the ramifications of those proposals  
16 on residential consumers;

17 c. responding to the questions and concerns of members of the end-use  
18 sector; and

19 d. serving as the liaison between the end-use sector and the members  
20 of the operator's board of directors who are designated or assigned to  
21 focus on the interests of the residential, small business and farm elec-  
22 tricity users.

23 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
24 independent system operator shall be subject to the provisions of arti-  
25 cles 6 and 7 of the public officers law.

26 S 2. Section 66 of the public service law is amended by adding a new  
27 subdivision 29 to read as follows:

28 29. (A) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION:

29 (I) "INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR" SHALL MEAN ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPO-  
30 RATION FORMED AND OPERATING IN THE STATE THAT IS APPROVED BY THE UNITED  
31 STATES FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO OPERATE IN THE STATE TO  
32 ADMINISTER AND MONITOR WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKETS; AND

33 (II) "END USE SECTOR MEMBER" SHALL INCLUDE ANY ENTITY THAT PURCHASES  
34 ELECTRICITY FOR ITS OWN CONSUMPTION AND NOT FOR RESALE.

35 (B) THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT  
36 AND MONITOR THE MARKET AND CORPORATE OPERATIONS OF AN INDEPENDENT SYSTEM  
37 OPERATOR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT:

38 (I) SERVES THE NEEDS OF ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES AND OPERATES IN A MANNER  
39 THAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC;

40 (II) ENSURES RELIABILITY, QUALITY AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRANSMISSION  
41 SYSTEM;

42 (III) COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE OPEN MEET-  
43 ING AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS; AND

44 (IV) CONTRIBUTES TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FUEL  
45 DIVERSITY GOALS OF THE STATE.

46 (C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ANNUALLY ISSUE A REPORT RELATING THE MARKET  
47 AND CORPORATE OPERATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR. SUCH  
48 REPORTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

49 (I) ANALYSES BY AN INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR AND OTHER DATA  
50 COLLECTED AND ANALYZED BY THE COMMISSION INFORMATION ON REAL-TIME,  
51 HOUR-AHEAD AND DAY-AHEAD MARKET BIDS AND BIDDERS IN AN INDEPENDENT  
52 SYSTEM OPERATOR'S WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY MARKET AUCTIONS, TRANSMISSION  
53 CONGESTION CONTRACT AUCTIONS AND INSTALLED MARKET AUCTIONS;

54 (II) A DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ENERGY MARKETS ARE  
55 MAINTAINING NECESSARY LEVELS OF RELIABILITY;

1 (III) A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES ARE BEING  
2 ADEQUATELY SERVED BY COMPETITIVE ENERGY MARKETS;

3 (IV) A DETERMINATION OF THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ENERGY MARKETS; INCLUD-  
4 ING A DETERMINATION WHETHER OR NOT THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY IS PROVIDING  
5 CONSUMERS WITH THE LOWEST PRICES POSSIBLE WITHIN A RESTRUCTURED, COMPET-  
6 ITIVE RETAIL MARKETPLACE;

7 (V) A DETERMINATION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ENERGY MARKETS ARE  
8 ACHIEVING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND FUEL DIVERSITY GOALS OF THE STATE;

9 (VI) THE NAME AND TERMS OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE MEMBERS  
10 OF THE INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR'S MANAGEMENT, OPERATING AND BUSINESS  
11 COMMITTEES;

12 (VII) AN INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION; AND

13 (VIII) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING ANY DEFICIENCIES SO IDENTIFIED IN  
14 ELECTRICITY ENERGY MARKETS, INCLUDING NON-COMPETITIVE PRICING SITU-  
15 ATIONS.

16 (D) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT SUCH REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
17 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
18 MINORITY LEADERS OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIRS OF THE ENER-  
19 GY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY, NO LATER THAN APRIL FIRST,  
20 TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

21 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.