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Introduced by M. of A. MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing
the power authority of the state of New York shall make low cost
hydropower available to certain hospitals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 13 of section 1005 of
2 the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 645 of the laws of
3 2006, is amended to read as follows:
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary but subject
5 to the terms and conditions of federal energy regulatory commission
6 licenses, to allocate or reallocate directly or by sale for resale, two
7 hundred fifty megawatts of firm Niagara project hydroelectric power as
8 "expansion power" and four hundred forty-five megawatts of firm Niagara
9 project hydroelectric power as "replacement power" to businesses within
10 the state located within thirty miles of the Niagara project, and four
11 hundred ninety megawatts of firm and interruptible power from the Saint
12 Lawrence-FDR project as "preservation power" sold to businesses located
13 within the counties of Jefferson, Saint Lawrence and Franklin, provided
14 that the amount of expansion power allocated to businesses in Chautauqua
15 county on January first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven shall continue to
16 be allocated in such county and, provided further that up to seventy
17 megawatts of replacement power, up to thirty-eight and six-tenths mega-
18 watts of preservation power from the Saint Lawrence-FDR project which is
19 relinquished or withdrawn after the effective date of chapter three
20 hundred thirteen of the laws of two thousand five which amended this
21 subdivision and, for the period ending on December thirty-first, two
22 thousand six, up to twenty megawatts of other power from the Saint
23 Lawrence-FDR project which is unallocated as of the effective date of
24 chapter three hundred thirteen of the laws of two thousand five which

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

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1 amended this subdivision, shall be allocated by the authority together
2 with such other funds of the authority as the trustees deem feasible and
3 advisable for energy cost savings benefits pursuant to the twelfth
4 undesignated paragraph of this section and, provided further that low
5 cost hydropower be made available to hospitals and municipal housing
6 authorities that are located in the counties of Niagara and Orleans.

7 Provided, however, that the amount of replacement, preservation power,
8 or the additional twenty megawatts of Saint Lawrence-FDR power for the
9 period ending December thirty-first, two thousand six made available for
10 such purpose, used for energy cost savings benefits that are relin-
11 quished by or withdrawn from a recipient thereof shall be offered by the
12 authority proportionately for a period of six months for reallocation to
13 applicants who qualify respectively for replacement or preservation
14 power allocations as provided in this subdivision. If such power is not
15 allocated within such period it shall be allocated for the purpose of
16 energy cost savings benefits pursuant to subdivision (h) of section one
17 hundred eighty-three of the economic development law. The authority
18 shall negotiate contracts on reasonable terms and conditions to renew or
19 extend every permanent contract allocation of expansion power in effect
20 on the effective date of this subdivision and, to the extent consistent
21 with such contracts, the authority shall negotiate contracts on reason-
22 able terms and conditions to extend or renew all other allocations or
23 allotments of such power in effect on such date. The authority shall
24 negotiate contracts on reasonable terms and conditions to renew or
25 extend for a period of at least five years every permanent contract
26 allocation of replacement power in effect on the effective date of chap-
27 ter three hundred thirteen of the laws of two thousand five which added
28 this sentence and that would expire by its terms on or before the end of
29 the initial federal energy regulatory commission license for the Niagara
30 project; provided that, in negotiating the terms and conditions of such
31 contracts, the authority may consider a business' compliance with all
32 current contractual obligations, including employment and power usage
33 commitments. Contracts entered into pursuant to this subdivision shall
34 contain reasonable provisions providing for the partial or complete
35 withdrawal of the power in the event the recipient fails to maintain
36 mutually agreed levels of employment, investment, and power utilization.
37 Expansion or replacement power relinquished by businesses or withdrawn
38 by the authority shall be allocated directly or by sale for resale by
39 the authority to businesses within the state located within thirty miles
40 of the Niagara project provided, that the amount of power allocated to
41 businesses in Chautauqua county on January first, nineteen hundred
42 eighty-seven shall be allocated in such county. Preservation power that
43 is relinquished by businesses or withdrawn by the authority shall be
44 allocated directly or by sale for resale by the authority within the
45 counties of Jefferson, Saint Lawrence and Franklin. Allocations made
46 pursuant to this paragraph shall be made in accordance with criteria
47 established by the trustees. Such criteria shall address the expansion
48 of industry and employment pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision
49 and the revitalization of existing industry pursuant to paragraph (b) of
50 this subdivision.

51 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.