

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the energy law, in relation to directing the state energy planning board to conduct a study of natural gas reliability

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

1 Section 1. Section 6-108 of the energy law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 4 to read as follows:

3 4. On or before January first, two thousand twenty, the board shall
4 undertake to study the overall reliability of the state's supply of
5 natural gas. The board shall contract with an independent and competi-
6 tively selected contractor with experience in natural gas to undertake
7 such study. The board shall prepare a report on such study's findings
8 and legislative recommendations. The board shall transmit such report
9 along with the reliability study to the governor, the speaker of the
10 assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chair and ranking
11 minority member of the assembly energy committee and the chair and rank-
12 ing minority member of the senate energy and telecommunications commit-
13 tee. The foregoing study shall include an assessment of the following:

14 (a) the need for additional transmission of natural gas in the state
15 and to states in New England;

16 (b) the integrity and impacts of new natural gas infrastructure as it
17 relates to the environment;

18 (c) the consequences to existing natural gas customers in the state of
19 constraints in the natural gas delivery system;

20 (d) the economic demand for additional natural gas from residential,
21 commercial, manufacturing and industrial sectors in the state; and

22 (e) status of and future opportunities for the implementation of
23 natural gas expansion under public service commission proceedings and
24 the state energy plan.

25 § 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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