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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, OTIS, ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public service law and the public authorities law, in relation to requiring combination gas and electric corporations, the New York Power Authority and the Long Island Power Authority to provide an annual transparency statement to customers

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

Section 1. Section 44 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. Commencing on January first, two thousand twenty-two, every combination gas and electric corporation on an annual basis, shall provide each customer with an annual transparency statement which shall detail the following charges on a gross basis which are included in each customer's delivery service portion of their utility bill, including but not limited to: (i) property taxes; (ii) sales and compensating use taxes; (iii) costs and expenses of the commission and department pursuant to section eighteen-a of this chapter; (iv) gross receipts taxes; (v) franchise and income taxes; (vi) metropolitan transportation authority payroll taxes; and (vii) fees, charges and costs imposed by the public service commission which are embedded in the customer bill. Such fees, charges and costs shall include costs from the implementation of reforming energy vision, energy efficiency, distributed energy resources and zero emission credits. Such transparency statement shall provide a percentage of the foregoing charges as applied to the average bill of a customer of such utility.

§ 2. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 26 to read as follows:

26. Commencing on January first, two thousand twenty-two, the authority, on an annual basis, shall provide each customer with an annual transparency statement which shall detail the following charges on a gross

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

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basis which are included in each customer's delivery service portion of their utility bill, including but not limited to: (i) property taxes; (ii) sales and compensating use taxes; (iii) costs and expenses of the authority and the public service commission pursuant to section eighteen-a of the public service law; (iv) gross receipts taxes; (v) franchise and income taxes; (vi) metropolitan transportation authority payroll taxes; and (vii) fees, charges and costs imposed by the authority which are embedded in the customer bill. Such fees, charges and costs shall include costs from the implementation of reforming energy vision, energy efficiency, distributed energy resources and zero emission credits. Such transparency statement shall provide a percentage of the foregoing charges as applied to the average bill of a customer of such utility.

§ 3. Sections 1020-jj, 1020-kk, 1020-ll and 1020-ll of the public authorities law, sections 1020-jj, 1020-kk and 1020-ll as renumbered by chapter 520 of the laws of 2018, and section 1020-ll as renumbered by chapter 415 of the laws of 2017, are renumbered sections 1020-ww, 1020-xx, 1020-yy, and 1020-zz and a new section 1020-jj is added to read as follows:

§ 1020-jj. Customer bills. Commencing on January first, two thousand twenty-two, the authority, on an annual basis, shall provide each customer with an annual transparency statement which shall detail the following charges on a gross basis which are included in each customer's delivery service portion of their utility bill, including but not limited to: (i) property taxes; (ii) sales and compensating use taxes; (iii) costs and expenses of the authority and the public service commission pursuant to section eighteen-a of the public service law; (iv) gross receipts taxes; (v) franchise and income taxes; (vi) metropolitan transportation authority payroll taxes; and (vii) fees, charges and costs imposed by the authority which are embedded in the customer bill. Such fees, charges and costs shall include costs from the implementation of reforming energy vision, energy efficiency, distributed energy resources and zero emission credits. Such transparency statement shall provide a percentage of the foregoing charges as applied to the average bill of a customer of such utility.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.