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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring the emergency response plan of an electric corporation to include plans for how the communication and coordination of efforts shall occur

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 21 of section 66 of the public  
2 service law, as added by section 4 of part X of chapter 57 of the laws  
3 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Each electric corporation subject to section twenty-five-a of this  
5 chapter shall annually, on or before December fifteenth, submit to the  
6 commission an emergency response plan for review and approval. The emer-  
7 gency response plan shall be designed for the reasonably prompt restora-  
8 tion of service in the case of an emergency event, defined for purposes  
9 of this subdivision as an event where widespread outages have occurred  
10 in the service territory of the company due to storms or other causes  
11 beyond the control of the company. The emergency response plan shall  
12 include, but need not be limited to, the following: (i) the identifica-  
13 tion of management staff responsible for company operations during an  
14 emergency; (ii) a communications system with customers during an emer-  
15 gency that extends beyond normal business hours and business conditions;  
16 (iii) identification of and outreach plans to customers who had docu-  
17 mented their need for essential electricity for medical needs; (iv)  
18 identification of and outreach plans to customers who had documented  
19 their need for essential electricity to provide critical telecommuni-  
20 cations, critical transportation, critical fuel distribution services or  
21 other large-load customers identified by the commission; (v) designation  
22 of company staff to communicate with local officials and appropriate  
23 regulatory agencies; (vi) provisions regarding how the company will  
24 assure the safety of its employees and contractors; (vii) procedures for  
25 deploying company and mutual aid crews to work assignment areas; (viii)  
26 identification of additional supplies and equipment needed during an  
27 emergency; (ix) the means of obtaining additional supplies and equip-

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

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1 ment; (x) procedures to practice the emergency response plan; (xi)  
2 appropriate safety precautions regarding electrical hazards, including  
3 plans to promptly secure downed wires within thirty-six hours of notifi-  
4 cation of the location of such downed wires from a municipal emergency  
5 official; (xii) plans setting forth how the communication and coordi-  
6 nation of efforts between the electric corporation, electric corporation  
7 employees, electric corporation company crews, mutual aid crews, other  
8 utilities including cable television companies, internet service provid-  
9 ers, local governments and any other entity performing services to  
10 assist such electric corporation shall occur; and [~~(xiii)~~] (xiii) such  
11 other additional information as the commission may require. Each such  
12 corporation shall, on an annual basis, undertake drills implementing  
13 procedures to practice its emergency management plan. The commission may  
14 adopt additional requirements consistent with ensuring the reasonably  
15 prompt restoration of service in the case of an emergency event.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.