STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to certain reports provided by the Long Island Power Authority

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

Section 1. Section 1020-kk of the public authorities law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities law relating to requiring the Long Island Power Authority to prepare a semi-annual expenditure and lobbying report, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1311-A and A. 4635, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1020-kk. Semi-annual expenditure and lobbying report. 1. On or before March thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two and every semi-annual period thereafter[~~,~~]**: (a)** the authority [~~and its service providers~~] shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly regarding advertising and lobbying [~~activities of~~] **on behalf of the authority by** the authority, the trustees of the authority, **or** any employee of the authority [~~or~~]**; and (b)** any service provider of the authority **shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly regarding advertising and lobbying on behalf of the authority, or in connection with the service provider's provision of management and operation services or the operation of the authority's electric transmission and distribution system**.

2. For the purposes of this title, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) Lobbying shall mean any attempt to influence:

(i) the passage or defeat of any legislation or resolution by either house of the state legislature including but not limited to the introduction or intended introduction of such legislation or resolution or approval or disapproval of any legislation;

(ii) the adoption, issuance, rescission[~~,~~] **or** modification [~~or terms~~] of a gubernatorial executive order;

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

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(iii) the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law by a state agency;

(iv) the passage or defeat of any local law, ordinance, resolution, or regulation by any municipality;

(v) the adoption, issuance, rescission, modification or terms of any executive order issued by the chief executive officer of a municipality; and

(vi) the adoption or rejection of any rule, regulation, or resolution having the force and effect of a local law, ordinance, resolution or regulation.

(b) Advertising shall mean any promotional activity or public service announcement that requires the purchase of media space, including television airtime, radio airtime, internet media space, billboards, newspaper space, magazine space or any private publication which requires the expenditure of any public funds.

3. The authority and its service providers shall prepare separate reports to include the following information:

(a) For lobbying, such report shall include, but not be limited to: the name of the trustee, employee of the authority or service provider engaging in lobbying; the name of the public official or public employee that [~~the trustee~~] **was** lobbied; the date and time of the meeting or communication; the subject matter [~~discussed~~] **of the lobbying**, and any expenses incurred by the authority or its service provider for travel, lodging, or meals in connection with such lobbying.

(b) For advertising, such report shall include, but not be limited to, itemization of any public funds spent on advertising and information pertaining to the advertising marketing plan including measurable goals and objectives for the advertising campaign.

4. The requirements of this section shall not be construed to require the disclosure of information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by any law, regulation, order, or the civil practice law and rules.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the public authorities law relating to requiring the Long Island Power Authority to prepare a semi-annual expenditure and lobbying report, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1311-A and A. 4635, takes effect.