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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, GIANARIS, SALAZAR, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the public service law, in relation to providing the New York power authority with the right of first offer and refusal for certain renewable generation facilities and any power or energy created by such renewable generation facilities; bans energy services companies; and to repeal certain provisions of the general business law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by
2 adding two new subdivisions 28 and 29 to read as follows:

3 28. (a) To purchase, finance, plan, design, engineer, acquire,
4 construct, operate or manage any renewable generation facility, renewa-
5 ble energy generating project, battery energy storage systems, renewable
6 thermal energy technology such as heat pumps, solar thermal, or other
7 heating or cooling technologies using renewable sources of energy that
8 do not emit greenhouse gases, or any power or energy created by a renew-
9 able generation facility or renewable energy generation project under
10 the right of first offer and refusal established under section twenty-
11 eight of the public service law.

12 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "renewable energy generating
13 project" shall mean a project that generates power and energy by means
14 of renewable energy resources, or that stores and supplies power and
15 energy generated by means of renewable energy resources, and includes
16 the construction, installation and/or operation of ancillary facilities
17 or equipment done in connection with any such renewable energy generat-
18 ing projects, provided, however, that such term shall not include the
19 authority's Saint Lawrence hydroelectric project or Niagara hydroelec-
20 tric project.

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

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1 29. To sell or provide energy services to end-use customers using the
2 transmission or distribution system of a utility. Any power or energy
3 sold under this subdivision shall be made entirely from renewable energy
4 resources. For the purposes of this subdivision, "renewable energy
5 resources" means solar power, wind power, hydroelectric, and any other
6 generation resource authorized by any renewable energy standard adopted
7 by the state for the purpose of implementing any state clean energy
8 standard.

9 § 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 28 to
10 read as follows:

11 § 28. New York power authority right of first offer and refusal. The
12 New York power authority, as established by title one of article five of
13 the public authorities law, shall be allowed to match the purchase price
14 of any renewable generation facility, renewable energy generation
15 project and any power or energy created by a renewable generation facil-
16 ity or renewable energy generation project. In the event that such
17 authority matches such purchase price, such authority shall assume the
18 role of purchaser of the renewable generation facility, renewable energy
19 generation project or any power or energy created by a renewable gener-
20 ation facility or renewable energy generation project.

21 § 3. Section 349-d of the general business law is REPEALED.

22 § 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public
23 authorities law, as added by section 2 of part LL of chapter 58 of the
24 laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, as deemed
26 feasible and advisable by the trustees, the authority is authorized to
27 undertake the following actions when it deems it necessary or desirable
28 to address the energy-related needs of any (i) authority customer, (ii)
29 public entity, or (iii) CCA community:

30 (1) (A) supply power and energy procured from competitive market
31 sources to any (i) authority customer, (ii) public entity, or (iii) CCA
32 community through the supply of such products through an [~~energy~~
33 ~~services company or other~~] entity that is authorized by the public
34 service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants
35 of a CCA program, provided, however, that the authority shall not supply
36 at any point more than a total of four hundred megawatts of power and
37 energy to authority customers and public entities pursuant to the
38 authority of this clause;

39 (B) supply renewable power, energy, or related credits or attributes
40 procured through a competitive process, from competitive market sources,
41 or through negotiation when a competitive procurement is not reasonably
42 feasible and such products can be procured on reasonably competitive
43 terms to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any public entity, or (iii)
44 any CCA community through the supply of such products through an [~~energy~~
45 ~~services company or other~~] entity that is authorized by the public
46 service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants
47 of a CCA program; and

48 (2) (A) alone or jointly with one or more other entities, finance the
49 development of renewable energy generating projects that are located in
50 the state, including its territorial waters, and/or on property or in
51 waters under the jurisdiction or regulatory authority of the United
52 States, (B) purchase power, energy or related credits or attributes
53 produced from such renewable energy generating projects, and (C) allo-
54 cate and sell any such products to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any
55 public entity, and (iii) any CCA community through [~~an~~] a not-for-profit
56 energy services company or other entity that is authorized by the public

1 service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants
2 of a CCA program, provided that the authority shall not, pursuant to the
3 authority in this subparagraph, finance more than six renewable energy
4 generation projects and have a per-project electric generating capacity
5 in excess of twenty-five megawatts.

6 § 5. Subdivision 5 of section 44 of the public service law, as added
7 by chapter 359 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

8 5. At least once a year, every utility corporation, not-for-profit
9 energy services company or municipality shall provide its customers with
10 a notice that billing statements are available in large print format.
11 Upon written request by a customer, a utility corporation, not-for-pro-
12 fit energy services company or municipality shall provide the customer's
13 billing statements in the large print format commencing no later than
14 sixty days after the date upon which the request is received by the
15 utility corporation[~~, energy services company~~] or municipality. The
16 provisions of this subdivision shall apply only to printed statements.
17 For the purposes of this section, "large print" shall mean a printed
18 font size of sixteen or greater to illuminate billing information. For
19 the purposes of this section, "not-for-profit energy services company"
20 or "not-for-profit ESCO" shall mean [~~an~~] a not-for-profit entity eligi-
21 ble to sell energy services to end-use customers using the transmission
22 or distribution system of a utility corporation.

23 § 6. Nothing in this act is intended to limit, impair, or affect the
24 legal authority of the power authority of the state of New York under
25 any other provision of title 1 of article 5 of the public authorities
26 law.

27 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-
28 ments to subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public authorities law
29 made by section four of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
30 subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.