STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 5, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to the emergency response plans relating to downed wires and prioritizing the securing of such wires

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

Section 1. Subparagraphs (xi), (xii) and (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 21 of section 66 of the public service law, subparagraph (xi) as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the public service law relating to the emergency response plans relating to downed wires, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7230 and A. 237, and subparagraphs (xii) and (xiii) as separately amended by chapters 395 and 743 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as follows:

(xi) appropriate safety precautions regarding electrical hazards, including plans to promptly secure downed wires within thirty-six hours of notification of the location of such downed wires from a municipal emergency official [~~or individual~~]; (xii) **plans to prioritize the securing of downed wires over routine maintenance or other work unrelated to a response to an emergency event after notification by an individual of the location of such downed wires and where such notification includes information indicating wire burning, arcing/sparking, or the restriction of ingress and egress from a building or vehicle, or other immediate hazards. Such plans shall, at minimum, include procedures to identify, locate, and assess the reported wire no later than seventy-two hours after the response to an emergency event ends; (xiii)** plans setting forth how the communication and coordination of efforts between the electric corporation, electric corporation employees, electric corporation company crews, mutual aid crews, other utilities, local governments and any other entity performing services to assist such electric corporation shall occur; and [~~(xiii)~~] **(xiv)** such other additional information as the commission may require.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the public service law relating to the emergency response plans relating to downed wires, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7230 and A. 237, takes effect.

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

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