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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, CHU, MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- recommitted to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- , repassed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to directing the wireless service industry to report on current and future plans to pursue renewable energy technology to power macrocells; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-yyyy to read as follows:

§ 399-yyyy. Macrocell renewable energy reporting. 1. Upon the twelfth month after the effective date of this section, the wireless service industry shall collaborate on and issue a white paper reporting on current and future efforts to pursue renewable energy at macrocell sites with the report delivered to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and the chair of the senate energy and telecommunications committee and the assembly corporations, authorities and commissions committee. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, consideration of the following issues:

(a) the company's existing and future investments in renewable energy sources, as corporations generally and at macrocell sites specifically;

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

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(b) the energy demands of existing macrocell sites including any anticipated increases to demand at such sites;

(c) the benefits and challenges of relying on renewable energy to provision wireless service;

(d) potential impacts to existing backup power sources; and

(e) estimated costs relating to using renewable energy to power macrocell sites.

2. For purposes of this section, a "macrocell" is a cell in a mobile phone network that provides radio coverage served by a high-power cell site (tower, antenna or mast). The "wireless service industry" shall include wireless carriers, tower companies, and their trade associations that offer service to New York state customers.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.