

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SHRESTHA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the New York power authority's conferral process

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "public renewables transparency act".

3 § 2. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 27-a of section 1005 of the public
4 authorities law, as added by section 1 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the
5 laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d) No later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of
7 this subdivision, and annually thereafter, the authority shall confer
8 with the New York state energy research and development authority, the
9 office of renewable energy siting, the department of public service,
10 climate and resiliency experts, labor organizations, and environmental
11 justice and community organizations concerning the state's progress on
12 meeting the renewable energy goals established by the climate leadership
13 and community protection act. At each board of trustees' meeting, there
14 shall be a public report delivered on the development and implementation
15 of the authority's renewable energy generation strategic plan. When
16 exercising the authority provided for in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-
17 sion, the information developed through such conferral shall be used to
18 identify projects to help ensure that the state meets its goals under
19 the climate leadership and community protection act. Any conferral
20 provided for in this paragraph shall include consideration of the timing
21 of projects in the interconnection queue of the federally designated
22 electric bulk system operator for New York state, taking into account
23 both capacity factors or planned projects and the interconnection
24 queue's historical completion rate. Any open house meetings conducted
25 pursuant to this section shall be publicly accessible. A report on the
26 information developed through such conferral shall be published and made
27 accessible on the website of the authority, including, but not limited

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

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1 to, the basis of the conferral report. The published basis shall include
2 notes from the conferral meetings.

3 § 3. Subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (e) of subdivision 27-a of
4 section 1005 of the public authorities law, as added by section 1 of
5 part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (vii) The authority shall post a draft of the strategic plan on its
8 website for public comment for a period of at least sixty days starting
9 no later than October eleventh, and shall hold at least [~~three~~] six
10 public hearings on the draft strategic plan in regionally diverse parts
11 of the state. The authority shall provide an option for stakeholders to
12 submit comments remotely as well, and incorporate feedback from such
13 sessions and written comments into the final draft of the strategic
14 plan.

15 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.