STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 21, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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, in relation to expanding energy transmission lines throughout the state of New York

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1005-e to read as follows:

§ 1005-e. Energy transmission line expansion plan. 1. The authority shall establish a mapping, installation and efficiency plan for the purpose of allowing the authority and other applicable New York state entities to identify locations in the state where new energy transmission lines can be built, excluding specified indigenous land or prime agricultural areas that may be negatively impacted. Such plan shall focus on the implementation of new energy transmission lines to allow the expansion of new clean energy build out projects in areas previously not served.

2. The authority shall promulgate rules and regulations to simplify the process and maximize efficiency for installing new energy transmission lines, and such rules and regulations shall consider man hours, time, and cost.

3. The authority shall gather data regarding the status of energy distribution and its efficiency for communities served in the state of New York. The authority in gathering such data shall include wind, solar, hydrogen, electric and gas power.

4. Once the authority has identified potential new locations for energy transmission lines pursuant to subdivision one of this section and has established processes for installing new energy transmission lines in an efficient manner pursuant to subdivision two of this section, the authority shall oversee the construction of new energy transmission lines.

5. The authority shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the status of new transmission lines built under its oversight until

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

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completion of such new transmission lines. Such report shall include the status of any new transmission lines built under the oversight of the authority and the effect of the rules and regulations promulgated by the authority and any New York state approved entity on the installation of new transmission lines. Further, such report shall include the data gathered by the authority pursuant to subdivision three of this section, and the effects of new transmission lines distributing energy to communities not previously served.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.