# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to expanding electric 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. Article 8 of the public service law is amended by adding a new section 149 to read as follows:

**§ 149. Electric transmission line expansion plan. 1. ORES shall establish a mapping, installation and efficiency plan for the purpose of allowing ORES and other applicable New York state entities to identify locations in the state where new or existing electric transmission lines can be built or upgraded, excluding specified indigenous land or prime agricultural areas that may be negatively impacted. Such plan shall focus on the implementation of new or existing electric transmission lines to allow the expansion of transmission and distribution infrastructure in under-served communities.**

**2. ORES shall promulgate rules and regulations to simplify the process and maximize efficiency for installing new or existing electric transmission lines, and such rules and regulations shall consider man hours, time, and cost.**

**3. ORES, in consultation with the department, electric and combined electric-gas corporations shall gather data regarding the available capacity of electric distribution infrastructure and its efficiency for communities served in areas with high levels of line congestion, and/or areas with high renewable penetration within the state of New York. ORES and the department in gathering such data shall include the resource mix of wind, solar, hydrogen, electric and gas power generating facilities.**

**4. Once ORES has identified potential new locations or sites requiring upgrades for electric transmission lines pursuant to subdivision one of this section and has established processes for installing new electric transmission lines in an efficient manner pursuant to subdivision two of**

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

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this section, ORES shall release the mapping tool, the efficiency plan and a report on the ORES website. The report shall detail:

(a) any processes ORES found regarding the efficient installation of new electric transmission lines;

(b) any relevant data gathered regarding the availability of capacity for distribution lines in communities that have high rates of renewable penetration and/or high levels of line congestion;

(c) a detailed list of potential locations for new electric transmission lines; and

(d) any other data or information ORES and the department finds relevant to this section.

5. ORES shall submit an annual report to the legislature on the status of new transmission lines built under its oversight until completion of such new transmission lines. Such report shall include the status of any new or upgraded transmission lines built under the regulatory oversight of ORES and the effect of the rules and regulations promulgated by ORES and any information regarding contractors and progress made toward the installation of new transmission and distribution lines. Further, such report shall include the data gathered by ORES, the department, electric and combined electric-gas corporations pursuant to subdivision three of this section, and the effects of new transmission and distribution lines distributing electricity to under-served communities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to article 8 of the public service law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such article and shall be deemed to expire therewith.