STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2024

Introduced by Sen. GIANARIS -- 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 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:

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

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

(d) No later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this subdivision, and annually thereafter, the authority shall confer with the New York state energy research and development authority, the office of renewable energy siting, the department of public service, climate and resiliency experts, labor organizations, and environmental justice and community organizations concerning the state's progress on meeting the renewable energy goals established by the climate leadership and community protection act. **At each board of trustees' meeting, there shall be a public report delivered on the development and implementation of the authority's renewable energy generation strategic plan.** When exercising the authority provided for in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the information developed through such conferral shall be used to identify projects to help ensure that the state meets its goals under the climate leadership and community protection act. Any conferral provided for in this paragraph shall include consideration of the timing of projects in the interconnection queue of the federally designated electric bulk system operator for New York state, taking into account both capacity factors or planned projects and the interconnection queue's historical completion rate. **Any open house meetings conducted pursuant to this section shall be publicly accessible.** A report on the information developed through such conferral shall be published and made 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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to, the basis of the conferral report. The published basis shall include notes from the conferral meetings.

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

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

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.