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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GALLAGHER, TAPIA, SIMON, SHIMSKY, STECK, LEVENBERG, FORREST, VALDEZ, SHRESTHA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to requiring gas corporations to file maps with the public service commission detailing the location of current and planned gas distribution line replacement, repair, renewal and retirement projects

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "mapping for affordable planning (MAP) act".

§ 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 77-a to read as follows:

§ 77-a. Mapping and decommissioning leak-prone gas infrastructure. 1. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the legislature to support long-term emissions reductions by facilitating the mapping and decommissioning of leak-prone gas pipes. The repair and replacement of aging and leak-prone pipes by gas corporations will result in a burgeoning, unaffordable cost to ratepayers over the next several decades and does not serve the emissions reductions goals of the state. Avoiding investments in new, dangerous, unhealthy, unaffordable, and long-lived gas infrastructure where alternative renewable sources of energy may instead be installed will result in savings to gas ratepayers, decreased costly energy demand at peak periods, increased local resilience, reduced risk to customers and the environment, reduced imports of resources from outside New York state, and reduced risk to shareholders for cost recovery on stranded assets. A long-term planning process is necessary to evaluate zero-emission alternatives that could help avoid new capital investment in the gas system, which may become stranded, and to reduce upward pressure on gas rates. Cost-effective, affordable, zero-emission alternatives to pipeline and other gas infrastructure replacement and renewal projects could reduce gas system costs, ease energy load at periods of high demand, improve system resiliency, and further New

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

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York's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve local and regional air quality.

2. (a) Each gas corporation shall, within one year of the effective date of this section and annually thereafter, file with the department a machine-readable Geographic Information System ("map" or "maps") detailing the location of all current and planned or foreseeable gas distribution line replacement, repair, renewal and retirement projects. Such map shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the city, county, and census tract boundaries of such gas corporation's service area;

(ii) the location of all terminal branches and radial ends of such gas corporation's systems;

(iii) the utilities' current schedule for planned replacement, repair, renewal and retirement of distribution lines;

(iv) the neighborhoods served by the gas infrastructure in question at a granularity of one hundred fifty foot increments; and

(v) any other information deemed useful by the commission in furtherance of integrated resource planning procedures.

(b) Such maps filed pursuant to this subdivision shall include metadata about when the map was created, last updated, for what purpose, and by whom. The commission shall publish such unredacted, legible maps and any schedules filed with such maps on the commission's website and such maps, schedules, and associated documents, including appendices, exhibits, and cover letters, shall be deemed public record for the purposes of article six of the public officers law.

3. (a) The commission, after a ninety-day public comment period, shall designate at least five neighborhoods as neighborhood priority decarbonization zones in each gas corporation service area in which planned line replacement, repair, renewal and retirement projects may feasibly be avoided. In making such designations, the commission shall prioritize neighborhoods, without limitation, that:

(i) are located in disadvantaged communities, as defined in section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation law;

(ii) have existing sources of pollution;

(iii) are expected to have the greatest reduction in estimated greenhouse gas emissions as a result of such line repair, renewal, and retirement project;

(iv) have elevated asthma rates and other chronic respiratory conditions among children and adults;

(v) have existing or planned private, municipal, and regulated investor-owned utility, or other thermal energy network projects;

(vi) have planned load growth as a result of any and all municipal land use changes and agricultural, transportation, commercial, housing, or industrial development;

(vii) include thermal energy resources including waste heat; and

(viii) have gas infrastructure that is soon scheduled for retirement, decommissioning, replacement, renewal, repair, upgrade, or other maintenance activity which substantially renews local non-gas infrastructure.

(b) Such priority decarbonization zones shall be designated within eighteen months of the effective date of this section and shall be reviewed and updated annually thereafter.

4. The commission shall, within thirty days of posting the maps and information required by subdivision two of this section, notify the department of environmental conservation in writing of the availability of such maps and information. Such notification shall include direct links to the posted maps, the location of disadvantaged communities as

defined in section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation law, leak-prone infrastructure segments, planned distribution line replacement, repair, renewal, and retirement projects, estimated greenhouse gas emissions associated with such line replacement, and any neighborhood priority decarbonization zones designated pursuant to subdivision three of this section. The commission shall provide additional notification and updated information to the department of environmental conservation within thirty days of any material updates to such maps or the designation of additional neighborhood priority decarbonization zones.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.