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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MATTERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to decisions regarding the siting of major utility transmission facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 120 of the public service law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. "Public interest" when considering the siting of fuel transmission  
4 lines, includes, but is not limited to, the consideration of energy  
5 affordability, reliability, and the safety and environmental impact of  
6 other methods of transportation, including the transportation of liqui-  
7 fied natural gas using commercial vehicles.

8 § 2. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 126 of the public  
9 service law, as amended by chapter 521 of the laws of 2015, is amended  
10 and a new paragraph (i) is added to read as follows:

11 (h) that the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and  
12 necessity, provided, however, that a determination of necessity made by  
13 the power authority of the state of New York pursuant to section ten  
14 hundred five of the public authorities law for a major utility trans-  
15 mission facility for which an application has been filed prior to July  
16 first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight pursuant to section one hundred  
17 twenty-two of this [~~chapter~~] article, shall be conclusive on the commis-  
18 sion[-];

19 (i) in the case of a gas transmission line that the alternative method  
20 of using commercial vehicles for the purpose of transporting liquified  
21 natural gas poses a hazard to public safety.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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