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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, JACKSON -- 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 creating a revolving loan fund through the New York state energy research and development authority for the purpose of building renewable and energy storage systems scaled to function as microgrids to power housing owned by the New York city housing authority

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 "NYCHA microgrids development and revolving loan act".

§ 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 1879-a to read as follows:

§ 1879-a. NYCHA microgrid loan program. 1. The authority is hereby authorized and directed to establish a revolving loan fund, subject to available appropriations for such purpose, in order to provide zero-percent interest loans to the New York city housing authority to finance energy services from renewable solar energy systems, battery or other zero emission technology storage systems and/or any other renewable generation systems as defined in section sixty-six-p of the public service law for the purpose of implementing any state clean energy standard, all of which are scaled to function as microgrids for housing owned by the New York city housing authority. The authority, in cooperation with the New York power authority, shall issue a competitive request for proposals from project developers that are not subject to cost of service ratemaking for the construction and installation of the renewable solar energy systems, battery or other zero emission technology storage systems and/or any other renewable generation systems as defined in section sixty-six-p of the public service law that are scaled to function as microgrids for New York city housing authority housing.

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

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Such microgrid systems funded through this section shall be constructed with consideration given to increasing the demand for electricity caused by the adoption of "beneficial electrification" policies proposed pursuant to the climate leadership and community protection act.

2. Notwithstanding any policies, practices, or orders by the public service commission to the contrary, if excess energy is generated through the systems, this excess energy generated may be sold back to the grid.

§ 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as deemed feasible and advisable by its trustees, the New York power authority is authorized and directed to utilize a portion of its net income to support the restoration of electricity, heat and hot water services to tenants of the New York city housing authority and to provide energy services, including but not limited to electricity, heating, ventilation, cooling, steam or hot water, to such tenants pursuant to energy performance contracts, as defined by subdivision four of section 9-102 of the energy law, through a competitive procurement process.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.