



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY 12224

APPROVAL #20
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MEMORANDUM filed with Assembly Bill 6571, entitled:

“AN ACT to amend the public service law and the public authorities law,
in relation to establishing the energy storage deployment program”

A P P R O V E D

This bill would amend the Public Service Law to define what constitutes a qualified energy storage system, and to require the State to implement a new program regulating such systems.

Energy storage technologies serve a critical role in promoting a clean energy economy. Not only will energy storage technologies relieve pressure on existing transmission and grid infrastructure, but they will enhance the development and uptake of renewable energy and create new “green” jobs.

I am fully committed to putting New York at the forefront of energy storage deployment. As drafted, however, this legislation contains provisions that are potentially inconsistent with the State’s Reforming the Energy Vision strategy. It also creates fiscal burdens on State entities that should be addressed through the annual budget negotiations.

The Executive has secured an agreement with the Legislature to pass legislation in the upcoming session to address these concerns. In addition to establishing a sound foundation for the advancement of energy storage, the agreed-upon changes will also complement the State’s ongoing efforts to ensure that New York remains at the forefront of energy efficient initiatives. On that basis, I am signing this bill.

This bill is approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo".