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Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase
the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Committing Leases
3 for Energy Access Now Act” or the “CLEAN Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. GEOTHERMAL LEASING.**

5 (a) ANNUAL LEASING.—Section 4(b) of the Geo-
6 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “2 years” and
9 inserting “year”;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
11 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

12 (3) after paragraph (2), by inserting the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—If a lease sale
15 under paragraph (1) for a year is canceled or de-
16 layed, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a
17 replacement sale during the same year.

18 “(4) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease
19 sale under paragraph (2) in a State described in
20 that paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall
21 offer all nominated parcels eligible for geothermal
22 development and utilization under the resource man-
23 agement plan in effect for the State.”.

24 (b) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-
25 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—Section 4 of the Geo-

1 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003) is amended
2 by adding at the end the following:

3 “(h) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-
4 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—

5 “(1) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date on which the Secretary receives an application
7 for any geothermal drilling permit, the Secretary
8 shall—

9 “(A) provide written notice to the appli-
10 cant that the application is complete; or

11 “(B) notify the applicant that information
12 is missing and specify any information that is
13 required to be submitted for the application to
14 be complete.

15 “(2) ISSUANCE OF DECISION.—If the Secretary
16 determines that an application for a geothermal
17 drilling permit is complete under paragraph (1)(A),
18 the Secretary shall issue a final decision on the ap-
19 plication not later than 30 days after the Secretary

