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[Report No. 119–295]

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the inter-connection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BALDERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Additional sponsors: Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RULLI, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MANN, Mr. ONDER, and Mr. WITTMAN

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A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Reli-
5 ability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power
6 Act” or the “GRID Power Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) BULK-POWER SYSTEM.—The term “bulk-
10 power system” has the meaning given the term in
11 section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
12 824o(a)).

13 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

15 (3) DISPATCHABLE POWER.—The term
16 “dispatchable power” means an electric energy gen-
17 eration resource capable of providing known and
18 forecastable electric supply in time intervals nec-
19 essary to ensure grid reliability.

20 (4) GRID RELIABILITY.—The term “grid reli-
21 ability” means the ability of the electric grid to de-
22 liver an adequate, secure, and stable flow of elec-
23 tricity in the quantity and with the quality de-
24 manded by users, taking into account the ability of

1 the bulk-power system to withstand sudden disturb-
2 ances.

3 (5) GRID RESILIENCE.—The term “grid resil-
4 ience” means the ability of the electric grid to adapt
5 to changing physical conditions and withstand and
6 rapidly recover from significant disturbances, includ-
7 ing natural disasters, cyber-attacks, and other un-
8 foreseen events.

9 (6) INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.—The
10 term “Independent System Operator” has the mean-
11 ing given the term in section 3 of the Federal Power
12 Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

13 (7) REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.—
14 The term “Regional Transmission Organization”
15 has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the
16 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

17 (8) RESOURCE ADEQUACY.—The term “re-
18 source adequacy” means the ability of the electric
19 system to meet the aggregate electrical demand and
20 energy requirements of end-use customers at all
21 times, accounting for scheduled and reasonably ex-
22 pected unscheduled outages of bulk-power system
23 components.

24 (9) TRANSMISSION PROVIDER.—The term
25 “transmission provider” means—

1 (A) a public utility (as defined in section
2 201(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
3 824(e))) that owns, operates, or controls 1 or
4 more transmission facilities;

5 (B) an Independent System Operator; and

6 (C) a Regional Transmission Organization.

7 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO IMPROVE INTERCONNECTION**

8 **QUEUE FLEXIBILITY.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall ini-
11 tiate a rulemaking—

12 (1) to address the inefficiencies and ineffective-
13 ness of existing procedures for processing inter-
14 connection requests to ensure that new dispatchable
15 power projects that improve grid reliability and re-
16 source adequacy can interconnect to the electric grid
17 quickly, cost-effectively, and reliably; and

18 (2) to amend the pro forma Large Generator
19 Interconnection Procedures and, as appropriate, the
20 pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agree-
21 ment, promulgated pursuant to section 35.28(f) of
22 title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
23 regulations)—

24 (A) to authorize transmission providers to
25 submit proposals to the Commission to adjust

1 the interconnection queue of the transmission
2 provider to prioritize new dispatchable power
3 projects that will improve grid reliability and
4 resource adequacy by assigning those projects
5 higher positions in the interconnection queue;
6 and

7 (B) to require transmission providers—

8 (i) to provide in any proposal de-
9 scribed in subparagraph (A)—

10 (I) a demonstration of need for
11 prioritization of the relevant projects;
12 and

13 (II) a description of how the
14 prioritization of those projects will im-
15 prove grid reliability or grid resilience;

16 (ii) to provide a process for public
17 comment and stakeholder engagement be-
18 fore a proposal described in subparagraph
19 (A) is submitted to the Commission; and

20 (iii) to provide regular reporting to
21 the Commission on the state of grid reli-
22 ability and grid resilience, including report-
23 ing on any actions taken pursuant to this
24 Act.

1 (b) COMMISSION APPROVAL.—To ensure timely re-
2 sponses to grid reliability concerns, not later than 60 days
3 after a proposal is submitted pursuant to subsection
4 (a)(2), the Commission shall—

5 (1) review the proposal; and

6 (2) approve or deny the proposal.

7 (c) DEADLINE FOR FINAL RULE.—Not later than
8 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
9 mission shall promulgate final regulations to complete the
10 rulemaking initiated under subsection (a).

11 (d) PERIODIC REVIEW.—Not less frequently than
12 once every 5 years, the Commission shall review and, if
13 necessary, update the regulations promulgated under this
14 section to ensure that those regulations remain effective
15 and relevant to evolving grid reliability and grid resilience
16 challenges.

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