

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 1687

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.—Of the nominated parcels
19 eligible for geothermal development and utilization
20 under the resource management plan in effect for
21 the State, the Secretary shall, in conducting a lease
22 sale under paragraph (2), offer for lease—

23 “(A) 75 percent of such nominated parcels;
24 and

25 “(B) the remaining 25 percent of such
26 nominated parcels, unless the Secretary pro-

1 vides a written justification that identifies a
2 statutory, environmental, or administrative
3 basis that prevents the Secretary from offering
4 such nominated parcels for lease.”.

5 (b) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-
6 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—Section 4 of the Geo-
7 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003) is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

9 “(h) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-
10 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—

11 “(1) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
12 date on which the Secretary receives an application
13 for any geothermal drilling permit, the Secretary
14 shall—

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

17 “(B) notify the applicant that information
18 is missing and specify any information that is
19 required to be submitted for the application to
20 be complete.

21 “(2) ISSUANCE OR DEFERRAL.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
23 days after the Secretary has provided written
24 notice to an applicant for a geothermal drilling
25 permit that the application for such permit is

1 complete pursuant to paragraph (1)(A), the
2 Secretary shall—

3 “(i) issue the permit, if the require-
4 ments under the National Environmental
5 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
6 seq.) and other applicable law have been
7 completed within such timeframe; or

8 “(ii) defer the decision on the permit
9 and provide to the applicant a notice—

10 “(I) that specifies any steps that
11 the applicant could take for the per-
12 mit to be issued; and

13 “(II) that includes a list of ac-
14 tions that need to be taken by the
15 agency to comply with applicable law,
16 together with timelines and deadlines
17 for taking such actions, which shall
18 not exceed the deadlines specified in
19 section 107(g) of the National Envi-
20 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
21 U.S.C. 4336a(g)).

22 “(B) DEADLINE FOR DEFERRED DECI-
23 SIONS.—If the Secretary defers a decision on a
24 permit under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Sec-
25 retary shall issue a decision on the permit not

1 later than 10 days after the applicant takes any
2 steps specified pursuant to subparagraph
3 (A)(ii)(I) and the agency takes the actions list-
4 ed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) in ac-
5 cordance with any applicable timelines and
6 deadlines.”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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