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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2025

Mr. HUDSON (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Transparency and
5 Honesty in Energy Regulations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **FEDERAL AGENCY.**—The term “Federal
4 agency” means has the meaning given the term
5 “agency” in section 551 of title 5, United States
6 Code.

7 (2) **SOCIAL COST OF CARBON.**—The term “so-
8 cial cost of carbon” means—

9 (A) the estimate of the social cost of car-
10 bon described in—

11 (i) the document entitled “Technical
12 Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon
13 for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Ex-
14 ecutive Order 12866”, published by the
15 Interagency Working Group on Social Cost
16 of Carbon, United States Government, in
17 February 2010;

18 (ii) the document entitled “Technical
19 Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon,
20 Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Esti-
21 mates under Executive Order 13990”,
22 published by the Interagency Working
23 Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse
24 Gases, United States Government, in Feb-
25 ruary 2021;

1 (iii) the document entitled “Technical
2 Support Document: Technical Update of
3 the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory
4 Impact Analysis Under Executive Order
5 12866”, published by the Interagency
6 Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon,
7 United States Government, in May 2013
8 and revised in November 2013 and July
9 2015, and published and revised by the
10 Interagency Working Group on the Social
11 Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United States
12 Government, in August 2016;

13 (iv) the document entitled “Regu-
14 latory Impact Analysis for the New Source
15 Performance Standards for Greenhouse
16 Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and
17 Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric
18 Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for
19 Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing
20 Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating
21 Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean
22 Energy Rule”, published by the Adminis-
23 trator of the Environmental Protection
24 Agency in April 2024;

1 (v) the document entitled “Regulatory
2 Impact Analysis for the Final Federal
3 Good Neighbor Plan Addressing Regional
4 Ozone Transport for the 2015 Ozone Na-
5 tional Ambient Air Quality Standard”,
6 published by the Administrator of the En-
7 vironmental Protection Agency in March
8 2023;

9 (vi) the document entitled “Regu-
10 latory Impact Analysis for the Final Na-
11 tional Emission Standards for Hazardous
12 Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Elec-
13 tric Utility Steam Generating Units Re-
14 view of the Residual Risk and Technology
15 Review”, published by the Administrator of
16 the Environmental Protection Agency in
17 April 2024;

18 (vii) the document entitled “Benefit
19 and Cost Analysis for Supplemental Efflu-
20 ent Limitations Guidelines and Standards
21 for the Steam Electric Power Generating
22 Point Source Category”, published by the
23 Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
24 tection Agency on April 18, 2024; or

1 (viii) any successor or substantially
2 related document; and

3 (B) any other estimate of the monetized
4 damages associated with an incremental in-
5 crease in carbon dioxide emissions in a given
6 year.

7 (3) SOCIAL COST OF GREENHOUSE GASES.—

8 The term “social cost of greenhouse gases” means—

9 (A) the estimate of the social cost of any
10 greenhouse gas that is described in—

11 (i) the document entitled “Technical
12 Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon
13 for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Ex-
14 ecutive Order 12866”, published by the
15 Interagency Working Group on Social Cost
16 of Carbon, United States Government, in
17 February 2010;

18 (ii) the document entitled “Technical
19 Support Document: Technical Update of
20 the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory
21 Impact Analysis Under Executive Order
22 12866”, published by the Interagency
23 Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon,
24 United States Government, in May 2013
25 and revised in November 2013 and July

2015, and published and revised by the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United States Government, in August 2016;

(iii) the document entitled “Addendum to Technical Support Document on Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis under Executive Order 12866: Application of the Methodology to Estimate the Social Cost of Methane and the Social Cost of Nitrous Oxide”, published by the Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United States Government, in August 2016;

(iv) the document entitled “Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Estimates under Executive Order 13990”, published by the Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United States Government, in February 2021; or

(v) any successor or substantially related document; and

1 (B) any other estimate of the monetized
2 damages associated with an incremental in-
3 crease in greenhouse gas emissions in a given
4 year.

5 (4) SOCIAL COST OF METHANE.—The term “so-
6 cial cost of methane” means—

7 (A) the estimate of the social cost of meth-
8 ane described in—

9 (i) the document entitled “Addendum
10 to Technical Support Document on Social
11 Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact
12 Analysis under Executive Order 12866:
13 Application of the Methodology to Esti-
14 mate the Social Cost of Methane and the
15 Social Cost of Nitrous Oxide”, published
16 by the Interagency Working Group on So-
17 cial Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United
18 States Government, in August 2016;

19 (ii) the document entitled “Technical
20 Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon,
21 Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Esti-
22 mates under Executive Order 13990”,
23 published by the Interagency Working
24 Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse

1 Gases, United States Government, in Feb-
2 ruary 2021;

3 (iii) the document entitled “Benefit
4 and Cost Analysis for Supplemental Efflu-
5 ent Limitations Guidelines and Standards
6 for the Steam Electric Power Generating
7 Point Source Category”, published by the
8 Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
9 tection Agency on April 18, 2024; or

10 (iv) any successor or substantially re-
11 lated document; and

12 (B) any other estimate of the monetized
13 damages associated with an incremental in-
14 crease in methane emissions in a given year.

15 (5) SOCIAL COST OF NITROUS OXIDE.—The
16 term “social cost of nitrous oxide” means—

17 (A) the estimate of the social cost of ni-
18 trous oxide described in—

19 (i) the document entitled “Addendum
20 to Technical Support Document on Social
21 Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact
22 Analysis under Executive Order 12866:
23 Application of the Methodology to Esti-
24 mate the Social Cost of Methane and the
25 Social Cost of Nitrous Oxide”, published

1 by the Interagency Working Group on So-
2 cial Cost of Greenhouse Gases, United
3 States Government, in August 2016;

4 (ii) the document entitled “Technical
5 Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon,
6 Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Esti-
7 mates under Executive Order 13990”,
8 published by the Interagency Working
9 Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse
10 Gases, United States Government, in Feb-
11 ruary 2021; or

12 (iii) any other successor or substan-
13 tially related document; and

14 (B) any other estimate of the monetized
15 damages associated with an incremental in-
16 crease in nitrous oxide emissions in a given
17 year.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CONSIDERING THE SOCIAL COST**
19 **OF GREENHOUSE GASES, INCLUDING THE SO-**
20 **CIAL COST OF CARBON, THE SOCIAL COST OF**
21 **METHANE, AND THE SOCIAL COST OF NI-**
22 **TROUS OXIDE.**

23 A Federal agency may not consider the social cost
24 of carbon, social cost of methane, social cost of nitrous
25 oxide, or social cost of greenhouse gases—

1 (1) as part of any cost-benefit or cost-effective-
2 ness analysis required under—

3 (A) any law;

4 (B) Executive Order 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601
5 note; relating to regulatory planning and re-
6 view); or

7 (C) Executive Order 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601
8 note; relating to improving regulation and regu-
9 latory review);

10 (2) in any rulemaking;

11 (3) in the issuance of any guidance;

12 (4) in taking any other agency action; or

13 (5) as a justification for any rulemaking, guid-
14 ance document, or agency action.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, the head of each Federal agency shall
18 submit to the Committees on Environment and Public
19 Works and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
20 and the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Nat-
21 ural Resources of the House of Representatives a report
22 describing the number of proposed and final rulemakings,
23 guidance documents, and agency actions that, since Janu-
24 ary 2009, have used the social cost of carbon, the social
25 cost of greenhouse gases, the social cost of methane, or

1 the social cost of nitrous oxide, including the use of the
2 social cost of carbon, the social cost of greenhouse gases,
3 the social cost of methane, or the social cost of nitrous
4 oxide as part of any cost-benefit analysis required under
5 Executive Order 12866 (5 U.S.C. 601 note; relating to
6 regulatory planning and review) or other relevant author-
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