

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9332

AN ACT

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish regional joint boards to study electric load forecasting, 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 “Load Forecasting En-
3 hancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL JOINT BOARDS TO STUDY ELECTRIC**
5 **LOAD FORECASTING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

7 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal
9 Energy Regulatory Commission shall establish—

10 (A) regions determined appropriate by the
11 Commission for purposes of studying electric
12 load forecasting; and

13 (B) a joint board for each such region.

14 (2) REGIONS.—In carrying out paragraph (1),
15 the Commission shall ensure that each State is in-
16 cluded in a region established under such paragraph.

17 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—Each joint board established
18 under this section shall be composed of—

19 (1) 1 representative from each State commis-
20 sion in the region for which the joint board is estab-
21 lished; and

22 (2) 1 member of the Commission, who shall
23 serve as chair of the joint board.

24 (c) DUTIES.—Each joint board established under this
25 section shall—

(1) study issues relevant to identifying best practices for electric load forecasting that enhance the reliability and affordability of electric service to customers in the region for which the joint board is established, including, with respect to the region for which the joint board is established—

(A) the effects of electric load forecasting on the affordability of electric service;

(B) the reliability and resilience of electric service;

(C) the methods used for collecting and modeling data relating to electric load forecasting;

(D) the transparency of the data and methodologies used to forecast electric loads and the accuracy of such forecasts;

(E) stakeholder engagement relating to electric load forecasting;

(F) economic development projections that may affect the electric load;

(G) the best available technologies, methodologies, and procedures for forecasting electric loads; and

(H) an evaluation of requests for electric service by industrial or commercial facilities

1 with large loads, including whether such facili-
2 ties have made financial commitments to an
3 electric utility;

4 (2) identify such best practices; and

5 (3) report on such best practices to the Com-
6 mission.

7 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission
9 shall publish and submit to Congress a report that in-
10 cludes—

11 (1) the best practices reported under subsection
12 (c); and

13 (2) recommendations for the consistent use
14 across States of any such best practices by electric
15 utilities.

16 (e) TERMINATION.—Each joint board established
17 under this section shall terminate on the day after the date
18 on which the Commission submits the report under sub-
19 section (d).

20 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “elec-
21 tric utility”, “State”, and “State commission” have the
22 meanings given such terms, respectively, in section 3 of
23 the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

1 **SEC. 3. PURPA STANDARD ON ELECTRIC LOAD FORE-**
2 **CASTING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 111 of the Public Utility
4 Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(22) **ELECTRIC LOAD FORECASTING.**—The
9 procedures used to forecast electric loads shall incor-
10 porate the recommendations published in the report
11 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pur-
12 suant to the Load Forecasting Enhancement Act.”;
13 and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(e) **CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION BY NON-**
16 **REGULATED ELECTRIC UTILITIES.**—The requirement for
17 consideration and determination referred to in the first
18 sentence of subsection (a) shall not apply to a nonregu-
19 lated electric utility with respect to the standard estab-
20 lished by paragraph (22) of subsection (d).”.

21 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

22 (1) **OBLIGATIONS TO CONSIDER AND DETER-**
23 **MINE.**—Section 112 of the Public Utility Regulatory
24 Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622) is amended—

25 (A) in subsection (b), by adding at the end
26 the following:

1 “(9)(A) Not later than 1 year after the date of
2 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory
3 authority (with respect to each electric utility for
4 which the State has ratemaking authority) shall
5 commence consideration under section 111, or set a
6 hearing date for consideration, with respect to the
7 standard established by paragraph (22) of section
8 111(d).

9 “(B) Not later than 2 years after the date of
10 enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory
11 authority (with respect to each electric utility for
12 which the State has ratemaking authority) shall
13 complete the consideration and make the determina-
14 tion under section 111 with respect to the standard
15 established by paragraph (22) of section 111(d).”;

16 (B) in subsection (c)—

17 (i) by striking “subsection (b)(2)” and
18 inserting “subsection (b)”; and

19 (ii) by inserting “In the case of the
20 standard established by paragraph (22) of
21 section 111(d), the reference contained in
22 this subsection to the date of enactment of
23 this Act shall be deemed to be a reference
24 to the date of enactment of that paragraph
25 (22).” after “paragraph (21).”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(i) OTHER PRIOR STATE ACTIONS.—Subsections
3 (b) and (c) shall not apply to the standard established by
4 paragraph (22) of section 111(d) in the case of any elec-
5 tric utility in a State if, before the date of enactment of
6 this subsection—

7 “(1) the State has implemented for the electric
8 utility the standard (or a comparable standard);

9 “(2) the State regulatory authority for the
10 State has conducted a proceeding to consider imple-
11 mentation of the standard (or a comparable stand-
12 ard) for the electric utility; or

13 “(3) the State legislature has voted on the im-
14 plementation of the standard (or a comparable
15 standard) for the electric utility during the 3-year
16 period ending on that date of enactment.”.

17 (2) PRIOR AND PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—Sec-
18 tion 124 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
19 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2634) is amended by insert-
20 ing “In the case of the standard established by para-
21 graph (22) of section 111(d), the reference con-
22 tained in this section to the date of enactment of
23 this Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the
24 date of enactment of paragraph (22).” after “para-
25 graph (21).”.

1 **SEC. 4. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS.**

2 Section 362(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 6322(c)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at the
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at
7 the end and inserting “; and”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(8) procedures and programs to improve the
10 accuracy, oversight, and transparency to stake-
11 holders of the forecasting of electric loads by electric
12 utilities (as such term is defined in section 3 of the
13 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796)).”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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