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TEXT OF H.R. 1047, THE GUARANTEEING RELI-

ABILITY THROUGH THE INTERCONNECTION OF

DISPATCHABLE POWER ACT

**[Showing the text of H.R. 1047, as ordered reported by the
Committee on Energy and Commerce]**

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Reli-

3 ability through the Interconnection of Dispatchable Power

4 Act” or the “GRID Power Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **BULK-POWER SYSTEM.**—The term “bulk-

8 power system” has the meaning given the term in

9 section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.

10 824o(a)).

11 (2) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”

12 means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

13 (3) **DISPATCHABLE POWER.**—The term

14 “dispatchable power” means an electric energy gen-

15 eration resource capable of providing known and

16 forecastable electric supply in time intervals nec-

17 essary to ensure grid reliability.

1 (4) GRID RELIABILITY.—The term “grid reli-
2 ability” means the ability of the electric grid to de-
3 liver an adequate, secure, and stable flow of elec-
4 tricity in the quantity and with the quality de-
5 manded by users, taking into account the ability of
6 the bulk-power system to withstand sudden disturb-
7 ances.

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

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

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

22 (8) RESOURCE ADEQUACY.—The term “re-
23 source adequacy” means the ability of the electric
24 system to meet the aggregate electrical demand and
25 energy requirements of end-use customers at all

1 times, accounting for scheduled and reasonably ex-
2 pected unscheduled outages of bulk-power system
3 components.

4 (9) TRANSMISSION PROVIDER.—The term
5 “transmission provider” means—

6 (A) a public utility (as defined in section
7 201(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
8 824(e))) that owns, operates, or controls 1 or
9 more transmission facilities;

10 (B) an Independent System Operator; and

11 (C) a Regional Transmission Organization.

12 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO IMPROVE INTERCONNECTION**
13 **QUEUE FLEXIBILITY.**

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

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

23 (2) to amend the pro forma Large Generator
24 Interconnection Procedures and, as appropriate, the
25 pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agree-

1 ment, promulgated pursuant to section 35.28(f) of
2 title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
3 regulations)—

4 (A) to authorize transmission providers to
5 submit proposals to the Commission to adjust
6 the interconnection queue of the transmission
7 provider to prioritize new dispatchable power
8 projects that will improve grid reliability and
9 resource adequacy by assigning those projects
10 higher positions in the interconnection queue;
11 and

12 (B) to require transmission providers—

13 (i) to provide in any proposal de-
14 scribed in subparagraph (A)—

15 (I) a demonstration of need for
16 prioritization of the relevant projects;
17 and

18 (II) a description of how the
19 prioritization of those projects will im-
20 prove grid reliability or grid resilience;

21 (ii) to provide a process for public
22 comment and stakeholder engagement be-
23 fore a proposal described in subparagraph
24 (A) is submitted to the Commission; and

1 (iii) to provide regular reporting to
2 the Commission on the state of grid reli-
3 ability and grid resilience, including report-
4 ing on any actions taken pursuant to this
5 Act.

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

10 (1) review the proposal; and

11 (2) approve or deny the proposal.

12 (c) DEADLINE FOR FINAL RULE.—Not later than
13 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-
14 mission shall promulgate final regulations to complete the
15 rulemaking initiated under subsection (a).

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

