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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 24, 2005

Ms. Cantwell (for herself, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Feingold) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 "Electricity Needs Rules
- 5 and Oversight Now (ENRON) Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF ENERGY MARKET MANIPULATION.
- 7 (a) Prohibition.—Part II of the Federal Power Act
- 8 (16 U.S.C. 824 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
- 9 the following:

1 "SEC. 215. PROHIBITION OF MARKET MANIPULATION.

- 2 "It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indi-
- 3 rectly, to use or employ, in connection with the purchase
- 4 or sale of electric energy or the purchase or sale of trans-
- 5 mission services subject to the jurisdiction of the Commis-
- 6 sion, any manipulative or deceptive device or contrivance
- 7 in contravention of such regulations as the Commission
- 8 may promulgate as appropriate in the public interest or
- 9 for the protection of electric ratepayers.".
- 10 (b) Rates Resulting From Market Manipula-
- 11 Tion.—Section 205(a) of the Federal Power Act (16
- 12 U.S.C. 824d(a)) is amended by inserting after "not just
- 13 and reasonable" the following: "or that result from a ma-
- 14 nipulative or deceptive device or contrivance".

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