

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3261

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. FEDERAL POWER ACT AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 216 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
5 824p) is amended by is amended by adding the following
6 at the end of subsection (c):

1 “Before issuing a permit or other authorization for any
2 action that may affect land use in any locality, the Com-
3 mission shall hold a public hearing in that locality if a
4 hearing is requested by 5 or more individuals or an organi-
5 zation representing 30 or more individuals. In the case
6 of a facility that affects multiple areas, the hearing shall
7 be held in a statistical metropolitan area at a location rea-
8 sonably central to the affected areas. The Commission
9 shall hold such a hearing whenever a request for reconsid-
10 eration is granted if the Commission did not hold a hear-
11 ing prior to issuing the permit or authorization con-
12 cerned.”.

13 **SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT.**

14 Section 7(e) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
15 717f(e)) is amended by adding the following at the end
16 thereof:

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18 action that may affect land use in any locality, the Com-
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20 hearing is requested by 5 or more individuals or an organi-
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