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H. R. 6107

To amend section 301(d) of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 to provide for notice regarding certification of certain projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Hastings of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 "American Taxpayer
- 5 and Western Area Power Administration Firm Power
- 6 Customer Protection and Government Accountability
- 7 Act".

1 SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION.

| 2 | Section 301(d) of the Hoover Power Plant Act of |
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| 3 | 1984 (42 U.S.C. 16421a(d)) is amended to read as fol- |
| 4 | lows: |
| 5 | "(d) Certification.— |
| 6 | "(1) In general.—For each project in which |
| 7 | the Western Area Power Administration participates |
| 8 | pursuant to this section, the Administrator shall cer- |
| 9 | tify, prior to committing funds for any such project, |
| 10 | that— |
| 11 | "(A) the project is in the public interest; |
| 12 | "(B) the project will not adversely impact |
| 13 | system reliability or operations, or other statu- |
| 14 | tory obligations; |
| 15 | "(C) it is reasonable to expect that the |
| 16 | proceeds from the project shall be adequate to |
| 17 | make repayment of the loan; |
| 18 | "(D) appropriate agreements have been ex- |
| 19 | ecuted to ensure that project beneficiaries shall |
| 20 | be solely responsible for repaying all capital and |
| 21 | operation, maintenance, and replacement costs |
| 22 | of the project; and |
| 23 | "(E) no Federal costs associated with con- |
| 24 | structing, financing, facilitating, planning, oper- |
| 25 | ating, maintaining, or studying any project |
| 26 | hereunder shall be allocated, assigned, or recov- |

| 1 | ered from customers or rates of any other |
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| 2 | Western Area Power Administration power and |
| 3 | transmission facility. |
| 4 | "(2) Notice.—Upon making a certification |
| 5 | under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall— |
| 6 | "(A) publish a notice in the Federal Reg- |
| 7 | ister stipulating the Administrator's justifica- |
| 8 | tion for certification, including supporting fi- |
| 9 | nancial and engineering documentation; and |
| 10 | "(B) notify, and provide documentation to, |
| 11 | the Committee on Natural Resources of the |
| 12 | House of Representatives and the Committee |
| 13 | on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate |
| 14 | regarding the certification. |
| 15 | "(3) Publication.—The Administrator shall |
| 16 | not execute any contract related to a certified |
| 17 | project sooner than 90 days after publication in the |
| 18 | Federal Register of the project certification.". |