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H. R. 4327

To prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing certain decisions that will raise costs for ratepayers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Mr. GIBSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FERC DECI-**
4 **SIONS THAT WILL RAISE COSTS FOR RATE-**
5 **PAYERS.**

6 (a) COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS.—Prior to issuing a de-
7 cision described in subsection (b), the Federal Energy
8 Regulatory Commission shall publish a cost-benefit anal-

1 ysis of such decision, including the likely financial impact
2 of such decision on ratepayers.

3 (b) DECISIONS.—This section applies to any decision
4 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that will—

5 (1) authorize the creation of a new capacity
6 zone; or

7 (2) affect the supply and demand curves or
8 models used to determine prices at points in a ca-
9 pacity zone.

10 (c) PROHIBITION.—If the Federal Energy Regulatory
11 Commission determines, through a cost-benefit analysis
12 published under subsection (a), that a decision described
13 in subsection (b) will raise costs for ratepayers, then the
14 Commission may not issue such decision.

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