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1ST SESSION

H. R. 587

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Power Act to provide that any inaction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that allows a rate change to go into effect shall be treated as an order by the Commission for purposes of rehearing and court review.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Ratepayer Ac-
3 countability, Transparency, and Efficiency Standards
4 Act” or the “Fair RATES Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL POWER ACT.**

6 Subsection (d) of section 205 of the Federal Power
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 824d(d)) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following: “Any absence of action by the Commission
9 that allows a change to take effect under this section, in-
10 cluding the Commission allowing the 60 days’ notice here-
11 in provided to expire without Commission action, shall be
12 treated as an order issued by the Commission accepting
13 such change for purposes of section 313.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives January 23,
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.