

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3616

AN ACT

To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review regulations that may affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system.

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 “Reliable Power Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR COV-**
4 **ERED AGENCY ACTIONS.**

5 Section 215 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
6 824o) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (g)—

8 (A) by striking “The ERO” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The ERO”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) ANNUAL LONG-TERM ASSESSMENT.—The
13 assessments under paragraph (1) shall include an
14 annual long-term assessment, which shall include—

15 “(A) an analysis of the ability of the bulk-
16 power system to supply sufficient electric en-
17 ergy necessary to maintain an adequate level of
18 reliability, taking into account generation re-
19 source mix, transmission development, and elec-
20 tric energy demand trends;

21 “(B) an analysis of the risk of future elec-
22 tric energy supply shortfalls under normal and
23 extreme weather conditions, and the risk of any
24 such shortfalls within each region of the bulk-
25 power system; and

1 “(C) a determination of whether additional
2 generation resources are necessary to supply
3 sufficient electric energy to maintain an ade-
4 quate level of reliability during the assessment
5 period.

6 “(3) NOTICE OF GENERATION INADEQUACY.—
7 In conducting a long-term assessment under para-
8 graph (2), if the ERO finds that the bulk-power sys-
9 tem is at risk of not having adequate generation re-
10 sources to supply sufficient electric energy to main-
11 tain an adequate level of reliability, the ERO shall
12 publicly notify the Commission that the bulk-power
13 system is in a state of generation inadequacy.

14 “(4) DATA COLLECTION.—To conduct a long-
15 term assessment under paragraph (2), the ERO may
16 collect information and data from users, owners, and
17 operators of the bulk-power system.”;

18 (2) by redesignating subsections (h) through (k)
19 as subsections (i) through (l), respectively; and

20 (3) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(h) COMMISSION REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR COV-
23 ERED AGENCY ACTIONS.—

24 “(1) NOTICE TO FEDERAL AGENCIES.—If the
25 ERO notifies the Commission under subsection

1 (g)(3) that the bulk-power system is in a state of
2 generation inadequacy, the Commission shall
3 promptly notify the Department of Energy, the En-
4 vironmental Protection Agency, and any other Fed-
5 eral agency the Commission determines appropriate
6 of such state of generation inadequacy.

7 “(2) SUBMISSION.—Upon receiving notice
8 under paragraph (1), the head of each Federal agen-
9 cy that received such notice shall provide to the
10 Commission for review and comment any covered
11 agency action by the Federal agency—

12 “(A) on the first date on which such cov-
13 ered agency action is provided to the Office of
14 Management and Budget or any other Federal
15 agency for review and comment; or

16 “(B) if such covered agency action is not
17 provided to the Office of Management and
18 Budget or any other Federal agency for review
19 and comment, not later than 90 days before the
20 date on which the covered agency action is pub-
21 lished in the Federal Register or is otherwise
22 made available for public inspection or com-
23 ment.

24 “(3) COMMISSION COMMENTS.—The Commis-
25 sion, in consultation with the ERO and transmission

1 organizations, shall, by order, provide to the agency
2 head that provided to the Commission a covered
3 agency action under paragraph (2)—

4 “(A) comments on such covered agency ac-
5 tion, which such comments may include an as-
6 sessment of the effect of the covered agency ac-
7 tion on rates, terms, and conditions for services
8 pursuant to the authority of the Commission
9 under sections 201 and 206; and

10 “(B) if applicable, recommendations for
11 modifications to the covered agency action to
12 prevent a significant negative impact on the
13 ability of the bulk-power system to supply suffi-
14 cient electric energy necessary to maintain an
15 adequate level of reliability.

16 “(4) AGENCY RESPONSE.—The head of a Fed-
17 eral agency may not finalize a covered agency action
18 that is provided to the Commission under paragraph
19 (2) until—

20 “(A) the agency head responds in writing
21 to the Commission with an explanation of how
22 the agency head modified, or why the agency
23 head determined not to modify, such covered
24 agency action in response to any comments and

1 recommendations provided by the Commission
2 under paragraph (3); and

3 “(B) the Commission finds that the cov-
4 ered agency action will not be likely to have a
5 significant negative impact on the ability of the
6 bulk-power system to supply sufficient electric
7 energy necessary to maintain an adequate level
8 of reliability.

9 “(5) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COMMENTS AND
10 RESPONSES.—An agency head shall include any
11 comments, recommendations, and responses for the
12 covered agency action when—

13 “(A) submitting the covered agency action
14 to the Federal Register for publication; or

15 “(B) otherwise making the covered agency
16 action available for public inspection or com-
17 ment.

18 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) COVERED AGENCY ACTION.—The
20 term ‘covered agency action’ means a regulation
21 that—

22 “(i) relates to, or otherwise directly
23 affects, any generation resource in the
24 bulk-power system; and

1 “(ii) is under development to be pro-
2 posed or otherwise under consideration in
3 a rulemaking prior to finalization on the
4 date on which the Federal agency receives
5 notice from the Commission under para-
6 graph (1).

7 “(B) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term ‘Fed-
8 eral agency’ means an Executive department
9 (as that term is defined in section 101 of title
10 5, United States Code) or any other Executive
11 agency that is in the President’s cabinet.”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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