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To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a clearinghouse for advanced transmission technology, and for other purposes.

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

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a clearinghouse for advanced transmission technology, and for other purposes.

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 “Advanced Trans-
5 mission Technology to Reduce Rates Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGY.**

7 (a) CLEARINGHOUSE; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—
8 Section 1223 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
9 16422) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(c) CLEARINGHOUSE; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

1 “(1) CLEARINGHOUSE FOR ADVANCED TRANS-
2 MISSION TECHNOLOGY.—Not later than 1 year after
3 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
4 retary shall establish and maintain a publicly avail-
5 able clearinghouse that includes—

6 “(A) a list of projects, and activities, car-
7 ried out or funded by the Department relating
8 to advanced transmission technology;

9 “(B) a list of authorities relating to finan-
10 cial assistance available for the deployment of
11 advanced transmission technology;

12 “(C) analyses of the effects of deploying
13 advanced transmission technology on the effi-
14 cient transmission of electricity, including anal-
15 yses of any—

16 “(i) expanded transmission capacity;

17 “(ii) reduction of transmission conges-
18 tion;

19 “(iii) optimized use of transmission
20 infrastructure;

21 “(iv) improvement to the visibility of
22 the electric grid and automation of key
23 processes relating to the transmission of
24 electricity; and

1 “(v) such effects due to the projects
2 and activities described in subparagraph
3 (A);

4 “(D) analyses of any costs and benefits ac-
5 crued to electric utilities and ratepayers due to
6 the deployment of advanced transmission tech-
7 nology; and

8 “(E) analyses of how geography or weather
9 affect the cost-effective deployment and utiliza-
10 tion of advanced transmission technologies.

11 “(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

12 “(A) ELECTRIC UTILITIES.—Upon the re-
13 quest of an electric utility, the Secretary may
14 provide technical assistance to the electric util-
15 ity for the purpose of using the clearinghouse
16 established under paragraph (1) and accessing
17 financial assistance identified under subpara-
18 graph (B) of such paragraph.

19 “(B) TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS.—
20 Upon the request of a transmission organiza-
21 tion, the Secretary may provide technical assist-
22 ance to the transmission organization for the
23 purpose of including advanced transmission
24 technologies in the transmission planning prac-
25 tices of the transmission organization.

1 “(C) STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.—
2 Upon the request of a State regulatory author-
3 ity, the Secretary may provide technical assist-
4 ance to the State regulatory authority for the
5 purpose of developing a regulatory framework
6 for advanced transmission technologies in the
7 applicable State and carrying out a cost-benefit
8 analysis of the deployment and utilization of ad-
9 vanced transmission technologies in the applica-
10 ble State.

11 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

12 “(A) ELECTRIC UTILITY.—The term ‘elec-
13 tric utility’ has the meaning given such term in
14 section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
15 796).

16 “(B) TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.—The
17 term ‘transmission organization’ has the mean-
18 ing given such term in section 215(a) of the
19 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)).

20 “(C) STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—
21 The term ‘State regulatory authority’ has the
22 meaning given such term in section 3 of the
23 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
24 (16 U.S.C. 2602).

1 “(4) SAVINGS.—Nothing in this subsection pro-
2 vides authority for the Secretary or the Federal En-
3 ergy Regulatory Commission to require an electric
4 utility to use any advanced transmission tech-
5 nology.”.

6 (b) STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS.—Section
7 362(d) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
8 U.S.C. 6322(d)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (17), by striking “and” at the
10 end;

11 (2) in paragraph (18), by striking the period at
12 the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(19) programs to facilitate the deployment of
15 advanced transmission technology (as such term is
16 defined in section 1223 of the Energy Policy Act of
17 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16422)).”.

18 (c) EXEMPTION OF ACTIONS RELATING TO AD-
19 VANCED TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGY FROM NEPA.—

20 (1) EXEMPTION.—A covered action may not be
21 considered a major Federal action under section
22 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act
23 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

24 (2) COVERED ACTION DEFINED.—In this sec-
25 tion, the term “covered action” means the provision

1 of funding by the Secretary, including a loan or a
2 grant, for the deployment of advanced transmission
3 technology (as such term is defined in section
4 1223(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
5 U.S.C. 16422(a))).

6 **SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICES FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
9 shall establish, within the Office of Electricity and in con-
10 sultation with electric utilities, the electric reliability orga-
11 nization, and transmission organizations, best practices
12 that electric utilities may use to reduce the risk of wildfire
13 ignition from the bulk-power system.

14 (b) REQUIRED INCLUSIONS.—The best practices es-
15 tablished pursuant to subsection (a) shall include practices
16 for—

17 (1) vegetation management and removal of for-
18 est-hazardous fuels along transmission lines;

19 (2) improved engineering approaches to reduce
20 the risk of wildfire ignition from the bulk-power sys-
21 tem; and

22 (3) safer operational practices to reduce the
23 risk of wildfire ignition from the bulk-power system.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) BULK-POWER SYSTEM.—The term “bulk-
2 power system” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
4 824o(a)).

5 (2) ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION.—
6 The term “electric reliability organization” has the
7 meaning given such term in section 215(a) of the
8 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)).

9 (3) ELECTRIC UTILITY.—The term “electric
10 utility” has the meaning given such term in section
11 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

12 (4) TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.—The term
13 “transmission organization” has the meaning given
14 such term in section 215(a) of the Federal Power
15 Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)).

16 (d) SAVINGS.—Nothing in this section provides au-
17 thority for the Secretary or the Federal Energy Regu-
18 latory Commission to require an electric utility to use any
19 best practice established pursuant to subsection (a).

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