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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To enhance availability of critical energy information.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To enhance availability of critical energy information.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Energy Information Administration’s
6 data is critical not merely for analysis of the role of
7 energy in our economy and environment, but for the
8 effective functioning of domestic and international
9 energy markets.

1 (2) Federal and State policymakers rely on the
2 Energy Information Administration to collect and
3 report State level energy information needed for en-
4 ergy policymaking, compliance with Federal and
5 State mandates, and for purposes of emergency en-
6 ergy preparedness and response;

7 (3) as policymakers consider and implement
8 policies to cut greenhouse gas emissions, accurate,
9 timely, and comparable State energy information be-
10 comes even more important;

11 (4) new and expanded sources of information
12 about energy demand and supply have become avail-
13 able and need to be incorporated in the Energy In-
14 formation Administration's data and analysis func-
15 tions;

16 (5) the Energy Information Administration
17 needs to maintain and enhance its ability to collect,
18 process, and analyze data while confronting broader
19 demands for information in greater detail; and

20 (6) budget and personnel constraints have
21 forced the Energy Information Administration to
22 curtail surveys relied upon by energy and financial
23 markets and could further defer important improve-
24 ments in the scope and quality of resulting informa-
25 tion.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Energy
3 Information Administration, in consultation with the Fed-
4 eral Energy Regulatory Commission, shall conduct an
5 independent, comprehensive assessment of the resources,
6 both in terms of dollars and manpower, required to up-
7 grade the quality, scope, and data collection, analysis, and
8 forecasting technologies necessary to produce energy infor-
9 mation needed for efficient and evolving energy markets.

10 (b) 5-YEAR PLAN.—The Administrator of the Energy
11 Information Administration shall establish a 5-year plan
12 to enhance the quality and scope of the data collection nec-
13 essary to ensure the scope, accuracy, and timeliness of the
14 information needed for efficient functioning of energy
15 markets and related financial operations. Particular atten-
16 tion shall be paid to restoring data series terminated be-
17 cause of budget constraints, data on demand response,
18 timely data series of State-level information, improve-
19 ments in the area of oil and gas data, and the ability to
20 provide data mandated by Congress promptly and com-
21 pletely.

22 (c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—The Administrator
23 shall submit this plan to Congress detailing improvements
24 needed to bring the Energy Information Administration
25 up to the highest standards of statistical agencies in its

1 ability to collect and process energy information in a man-
2 ner consistent with the needs of energy markets.

3 (d) GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS.—The Adminis-
4 trator shall—

5 (1) establish guidelines and standards to ensure
6 the quality, comparability, and scope of State energy
7 data, including data on energy production and con-
8 sumption by product and sector and renewable and
9 alternative sources, required to provide a comprehen-
10 sive, accurate energy profile at the State level;

11 (2) share company-level data collected at the
12 State level with the State involved, if the State has
13 enacted statutory protections of the confidentiality
14 of such data where appropriate and complies with
15 reasonable guidelines for its use adopted by the Ad-
16 ministrator;

17 (3) assess any existing gaps in data obtained by
18 and compiled by the Energy Information Adminis-
19 tration; and

20 (4) evaluate the most cost effective ways to ad-
21 dress any data quality and quantity issues in con-
22 junction with State officials.

23 The Energy Information Administration shall consult with
24 State officials and the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
25 mission on a regular basis in establishing these guidelines,

1 standards, and scope of State level data, as well as in ex-
2 ploring ways to address data needs and serve data uses.

3 (e) ASSESSMENT OF STATE DATA NEEDS.—The Ad-
4 ministrator shall provide an assessment of these State-
5 level data needs to the Congress not later than 1 year after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, detailing a plan to ad-
7 dress the needs identified.

8 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator for
10 carrying out this section, in addition to any other author-
11 izations—

12 (1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

13 (2) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

14 (3) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

15 (4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

16 (5) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

17 (6) such sums as are necessary for subsequent
18 fiscal years.