

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To establish a voluntary economic dispatch standard for natural gas-fired generation.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—109th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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To enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. ALEXANDER to Title XII—Electricity (END05371.LC)

Viz:

1 On page 15, between lines 18 and 19, insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 1212. VOLUNTARY ECONOMIC DISPATCH STANDARD**  
4 **FOR NATURAL GAS-FIRED GENERATION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS.—Section  
6 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of  
7 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d)) (as amended by this title) is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(15) NATURAL GAS-FIRED GENERATION.—

1           “(A) If 2 or more generators make avail-  
2           able natural gas-fired electric energy generation  
3           facilities to meet the native load of an electric  
4           utility that is subject to State regulatory juris-  
5           diction, the electric utility shall serve native  
6           load with the facility that generates electric en-  
7           ergy and, if applicable, steam or other forms of  
8           useful energy, such as heat, that is used for  
9           commercial, industrial, heating, or cooling  
10          purposes—

11                   “(i) at the greatest level of total ther-  
12                   mal efficiency; and

13                   “(ii) at the lowest bid or contract  
14                   price to consumers of electric energy, re-  
15                   gardless of the ownership of the facility  
16                   and subject to any operational or reliability  
17                   requirement of the electric energy trans-  
18                   mission system to which the facility is con-  
19                   nected, as established by the relevant reli-  
20                   ability authority.

21           “(B) Nothing in this paragraph abrogates  
22           or modifies any right or obligation of a party  
23           under a qualifying facilities contract.”.

24           (b) TIME LIMITATIONS.—Section 112(b) of the Pub-  
25           lic Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.

1 2622(b)) (as amended by this title) is amended by adding  
2 at the end the following:

3           “(5) Not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
4 actment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, each  
5 State regulatory authority shall complete consider-  
6 ation and make a determination under section 111  
7 for each State utility in the jurisdiction of the State  
8 regulatory authority with respect to the standard es-  
9 tablished under section 111(d)(11)(15).”.