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H. R. 2774

To support the research, development, and commercial application of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GIFFORDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

A BILL

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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 “Solar Energy Research
5 and Advancement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act:

8 (1) The term “Department” means the Depart-
9 ment of Energy.

3 SEC. 3. THERMAL ENERGY STORAGE RESEARCH AND DE- 4 VELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
6 a program of research and development to provide lower
7 cost and more viable thermal energy storage technologies
8 to enable the shifting of electric power loads on demand
9 and extend the operating time of concentrating solar
10 power electric generating plants.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for car-
13 rying out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,
14 \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$9,000,000 for fiscal year
15 2010, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and \$12,000,000
16 for fiscal year 2012.

17 SEC. 4. CONCENTRATING SOLAR POWER COMMERCIAL AP-
18 PLICATION STUDIES.

19 (a) INTEGRATION.—The Secretary shall conduct a
20 study on methods to integrate concentrating solar power
21 into regional electricity transmission systems, and to iden-
22 tify new transmission or transmission upgrades needed to
23 bring electricity from high concentrating solar power re-
24 source areas to growing electric power load centers
25 throughout the United States. The study shall analyze and

1 assess approaches for management and integration of con-
2 centrating solar power into regional electric transmission
3 grids to improve electric reliability, to efficiently manage
4 load, and to reduce demand on the natural gas trans-
5 mission system for electric power. The Secretary shall sub-
6 mit a report to Congress on the results of this study not
7 later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this
8 Act.

9 (b) WATER CONSUMPTION.—Not later than 6
10 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
11 Secretary of Energy shall transmit to Congress a report
12 on the results of a study on methods to reduce the amount
13 of water consumed by concentrating solar power systems.

