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[Report No. 111-343]

To establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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Additional sponsor: Mr. INGLIS

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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. HIGH EFFICIENCY GAS TURBINES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Energy shall
5 carry out a multiyear, multiphase program of research, de-
6 velopment, and technology demonstration to improve the
7 efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power
8 generation systems and to identify the technologies that
9 ultimately will lead to gas turbine combined cycle effi-
10 ciency of 65 percent.

11 (b) **PROGRAM ELEMENTS.**—The program under this
12 section shall—

13 (1) support first-of-a-kind engineering and de-
14 tailed gas turbine design for utility-scale electric
15 power generation, including—

16 (A) high temperature materials, including
17 superalloys, coatings, and ceramics;

18 (B) improved heat transfer capability;

19 (C) manufacturing technology required to
20 construct complex three-dimensional geometry
21 parts with improved aerodynamic capability;

22 (D) combustion technology to produce
23 higher firing temperature while lowering nitro-
24 gen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions per
25 unit of output;

1 (E) advanced controls and systems integra-
2 tion;

3 (F) advanced high performance compressor
4 technology; and

5 (G) validation facilities for the testing of
6 components and subsystems;

7 (2) include technology demonstration through
8 component testing, subscale testing, and full scale
9 testing in existing fleets;

10 (3) include field demonstrations of the devel-
11 oped technology elements so as to demonstrate tech-
12 nical and economic feasibility; and

13 (4) assess overall combined cycle system per-
14 formance.

15 (c) PROGRAM GOALS.—The goals of the multiphase
16 program established under subsection (a) shall be—

17 (1) in phase I—

18 (A) to develop the conceptual design of ad-
19 vanced high efficiency gas turbines that can
20 achieve at least 62 percent combined cycle effi-
21 ciency on a lower heating value basis; and

22 (B) to develop and demonstrate the tech-
23 nology required for advanced high efficiency gas
24 turbines that can achieve at least 62 percent

1 combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating
2 value basis; and

3 (2) in phase II, to develop the conceptual de-
4 sign for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that
5 can achieve at least 65 percent combined cycle effi-
6 ciency on a lower heating value basis.

7 (d) PROPOSALS.—Within 180 days after the date of
8 enactment of this section, the Secretary shall solicit pro-
9 posals for conducting activities under this section. In se-
10 lecting proposals, the Secretary shall emphasize—

11 (1) the extent to which the proposal will stimu-
12 late the creation or increased retention of jobs in the
13 United States; and

14 (2) the extent to which the proposal will pro-
15 mote and enhance United States technology leader-
16 ship.

17 (e) COST SHARING.—Section 988 of the Energy Pol-
18 icy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16352) shall apply to an award
19 of financial assistance made under this section.

20 (f) LIMITS ON PARTICIPATION.—The limits on par-
21 ticipation applicable under section 999E of the Energy
22 Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16375) shall apply to finan-
23 cial assistance awarded under this section.

24 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
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13 *late the creation or increased retention of jobs in the*
14 *United States; and*

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16 *and enhance United States technology leadership.*

17 (e) *COMPETITIVE AWARDS.—The provision of funding*
18 *under this section shall be on a competitive basis with an*
19 *emphasis on technical merit.*

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