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S. 1075

To direct the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 9, 2017

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Appalachian Ethane
5 Storage Hub Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ETHANE STORAGE STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred
8 to in this section as the “Secretary”) and the Secretary

1 of Commerce, in consultation with other relevant Federal
2 departments and agencies and stakeholders, shall conduct
3 a study of the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage
4 and distribution hub in the Marcellus, Utica, and
5 Rogersville shale plays in the United States.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under sub-
7 section (a) shall include—

8 (1) an examination of, with respect to the pro-
9 posed ethane storage and distribution hub—

- 10 (A) potential locations;
- 11 (B) economic feasibility;
- 12 (C) economic benefits;
- 13 (D) geological storage capacity capabilities;
- 14 (E) above-ground storage capabilities;
- 15 (F) infrastructure needs; and
- 16 (G) other markets and trading hubs, par-
17 ticularly hubs relating to ethane; and

18 (2) the identification of potential additional
19 benefits of the proposed hub to energy security.

20 (c) PUBLICATION OF RESULTS.—Not later than 2
21 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
22 retary and the Secretary of Commerce shall—

- 23 (1) submit to the Committee on Energy and
24 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
25 Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and

1 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
2 ate a report describing the results of the study
3 under subsection (a); and

4 (2) publish those results on the Internet
5 websites of the Departments of Energy and Com-
6 merce, respectively.

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