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To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations that accelerate the interconnection of electric generation and storage resources to the transmission system through more efficient and effective interconnection procedures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

- To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations that accelerate the interconnection of electric generation and storage resources to the transmission system through more efficient and effective interconnection procedures.
 - 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 "Expediting Generator
- 5 Interconnection Procedures Act of 2025".

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1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 In this Act:

3 (1) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission"
4 means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
5 (2) ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT.—The term
6 "energy storage project" means—

7 (A) any equipment that receives, stores,
8 and delivers energy using batteries, compressed
9 air, pumped hydropower, hydrogen storage (in10 cluding hydrolysis), thermal energy storage, re11 generative fuel cells, flywheels, capacitors,
12 superconducting magnets, or other technologies
13 identified by the Commission; and

(B) any project for the construction or
modification of equipment described in subparagraph (A) as part of an effort to build-out
transmission interconnection opportunities.

18 (3) GENERATION PROJECT.—The term "gen19 eration project" means—

20 (A) any facility—

21 (i) that generates or injects electricity;22 and

(ii) for which an interconnection request is subject to the jurisdiction of the
Commission; and

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(B) any project for the construction or
 modification of a facility described in subpara graph (A).

4 (4) INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER.—The term
5 "interconnection customer" means a person or entity
6 that has submitted an interconnection request.

7 (5) INTERCONNECTION REQUEST.—The term 8 "interconnection request" means a request sub-9 mitted to a public utility to interconnect a new gen-10 eration project or energy storage project to the elec-11 tric system of a public utility for the purposes of 12 transmission of electric energy in interstate com-13 merce or the sale of electric energy at wholesale.

14 (6) PUBLIC UTILITY.—The term "public util15 ity" has the meaning given the term in section
16 201(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824(e)).

17 (7) TRANSMISSION FACILITY.—The term
18 "transmission facility" means a facility that is used
19 for the transmission of electric energy in interstate
20 commerce.

(8) TRANSMISSION PROVIDER.—The term
"transmission provider" means a public utility that
owns, operates, or controls 1 or more transmission
facilities.

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(9) TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.—The term "trans mission system" means a network of transmission
 facilities used for the transmission of electric energy
 in interstate commerce.

5 SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO EXPEDITE GENERATOR INTER-6 CONNECTION PROCEDURES.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall ini9 tiate a rulemaking—

(1) to address the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of existing procedures for processing interconnection requests to ensure that new generation
projects and energy storage projects can interconnect quickly, cost-effectively, and reliably; and

(2) to revise the pro forma Large Generator
Interconnection Procedures and, as appropriate, the
pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, promulgated pursuant to section 35.28(f) of
title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
regulations), to require transmission providers—

(A) to develop and employ modeling assumptions for each resource type based on actual operating abilities and practices, for the
purposes of studying an interconnection request;

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(B) to study interconnection requests in a
 manner consistent with the risk tolerance of the
 interconnection customer;

(C) to select, as appropriate, 1 or more cost-effective solutions to address network reliability needs that may be identified while studying an interconnection request;

8 (D) to provide sufficient information to 9 interconnection customers for the interconnec-10 tion customers to understand how a trans-11 mission provider has implemented the assump-12 tions and solutions described in subparagraphs 13 (A) and (C);

(E) to share and employ, as appropriate,
queue management best practices, including
with respect to the use of advanced computing
technologies, automation, and standardized
study criteria, in evaluating interconnection requests, in order to expedite study results; and

20 (F) to implement transparency and per21 formance-enhancing measures to ensure timely
22 and cost-conscious construction of necessary
23 network upgrades once an interconnection
24 agreement has been executed.

(b) DEADLINE FOR FINAL RULE.—Not later than 18
 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com mission shall promulgate a final rule to complete the rule making initiated under subsection (a).

5 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section alters, 6 or may be construed to alter, the allocation of costs of 7 the transmission system pursuant to the ratemaking au-8 thority of the Commission under section 205 of the Fed-9 eral Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824d).