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To promote clean energy infrastructure for rural communities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 20, 2011

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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A BILL

To promote clean energy infrastructure for rural communities.

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 "Clean Energy Infra-

5 structure for Rural Communities Act of 2011".

6 **SEC. 2. ELECTRIC LOANS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

7   Section 317 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936

8 (7 U.S.C. 940g) is amended—

9   (1) in subsection (b)—

1   (A) by striking "for electric generation"

2   and inserting "for—

3   "(1) electric generation";

4   (B) by striking the period at the end and

5   inserting "; and"; and

6   (C) by adding at the end the following:

7   "(2) transmission facilities primarily for the

8   purpose of interconnecting 1 or more renewable en-

9   ergy facilities to a high-voltage transmission line.";

10   and

11   (2) by striking subsection (c).

SEC. 3. RURAL NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE.

13   Section 310B(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural

14 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(a)) is amended—

15   (1) in paragraph (1)—

16   (A) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as

17   subparagraph (C); and

18   (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)

19   the following:

20   "(B) NATURAL GAS.—The term 'natural

21   gas' means—

22   "(i) unmixed natural gas; or

23   "(ii) any mixture of natural and arti-

24   ficial gas."; and

25   (2) in paragraph (2)—

1   (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking
2   "and" at the end;
3   (B) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as
4   subparagraph (E); and
5   (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
6   the following:
7   "(D) improving the economic and environ-
8   mental climate by encouraging the development
9   and construction of infrastructure to provide
10   access to natural gas in rural communities;
11   and".

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