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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. LANKFORD) 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 “Ensuring National Se-
5 curity Using Reliable Energy Act” or the “ENSURE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FERC APPLICATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The following policy statements
3 issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
4 shall have no force or effect until the date described in
5 subsection (b):

6 (1) The updated policy statement entitled “Up-
7 dated Policy Statement on Certification of New
8 Interstate Natural Gas Facilities” (Docket No.
9 PL18–1–000 (February 18, 2022)).

10 (2) The interim policy statement entitled “Con-
11 sideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Natural
12 Gas Infrastructure Project Reviews” (Docket No.
13 PL21–3–000 (February 18, 2022)).

14 (b) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date referred to in sub-
15 section (a) is the later of—

16 (1) the date on which the Electric Reliability
17 Organization (as defined in section 215(a) of the
18 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a))) certifies
19 that disruption to pipeline natural gas supplies does
20 not pose material risk to power system reliability in
21 any season of the year in the territory served by any
22 regional reliability entity, including the Western
23 Electricity Coordinating Council, the Midwest Reli-
24 ability Organization, the Texas Reliability Entity,
25 and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council; and

1 (2) the date on which, as determined by the Ad-
2 ministrators of the Energy Information Administra-
3 tion, prices for natural gas and wholesale electricity
4 do not exceed, for not fewer than 3 successive cal-
5 endar quarters, the average of prices for natural gas
6 and wholesale electricity that were in effect for cal-
7 endar years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

8 (c) REQUIREMENT TO TIMELY PROCESS FERC AP-
9 PLICATIONS.—Unless and until the conditions described in
10 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) are met, the Fed-
11 eral Energy Regulatory Commission shall timely process
12 applications under section 3(e) and section 7 of the Nat-
13 ural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(e), 717f) pursuant to the
14 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 1999 Policy
15 Statement on the Certification of New Interstate Natural
16 Gas Facilities (Docket No. PL99–3–000 (September 15,
17 1999)).

18 (d) RIGHT TO SEEK RELIEF.—Any party aggrieved
19 by the failure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commis-
20 sion to process an application described in subsection (c)
21 in a reasonable time period may seek equitable relief in
22 any Federal court of competent jurisdiction.

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