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# H. R. 2984

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2015

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CAPUANO, and Ms. TSONGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Fair Ratepayer Ac-  
3 countability, Transparency, and Efficiency Standards  
4 Act” or the “Fair RATES Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL POWER ACT.**

6       Subsection (d) of section 205 of the Federal Power  
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 824d(d)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following: “Any absence of action by the Commission  
9 that allows a change to take effect under this section, in-  
10 cluding the Commission allowing the sixty days’ notice  
11 herein provided to expire without Commission action, shall  
12 be treated as an order issued by the Commission accepting  
13 such change for purposes of section 313.”.

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