

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2986**

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expediting Generator
3 Interconnection Procedures Act of 2026”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 In this Act:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(2) INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.—The term “Independent System Operator” has the meaning given the term in section 3(28) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(28)).

(3) PUBLIC UTILITY.—The term “public utility” has the meaning given the term in section 201(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824(e)).

(4) REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.—
The term “Regional Transmission Organization”
has the meaning given the term in section 3(27) of
the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(27)).

1 (5) TRANSMISSION PROVIDER.—The term
2 “transmission provider” means a public utility that
3 owns, operates, or controls one or more transmission
4 facilities.

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

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, with respect to each trans-
9 mission provider that has in effect generator interconnec-
10 tion procedures that fail to provide a generator inter-
11 connection agreement by the date that is 15 months after
12 the filing of a valid generator interconnection request, the
13 Commission shall issue an order initiating a show cause
14 proceeding under section 206 of the Federal Power Act
15 (16 U.S.C. 824e) that preliminarily finds that such gener-
16 ator interconnection procedures are unjust, unreasonable,
17 and unduly discriminatory and preferential.

18 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than one year after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall—

20 (1) with respect to each transmission provider
21 described in subsection (a), make a final finding of
22 whether the generator interconnection procedures of
23 such transmission provider are unjust, unreasonable,
24 unduly discriminatory or preferential; and

1 (2) if the Commission makes a final finding
2 under paragraph (1) that the generator interconnec-
3 tion procedures of a transmission provider are un-
4 just, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or pref-
5 erential, determine the just and reasonable generator
6 interconnection procedures for such transmission
7 provider to be thereafter observed and in force, and
8 fix the same by order.

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

14 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON INTERCONNECTION DELAYS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission, in con-
17 sultation with the Secretary of Energy, transmission pro-
18 viders, and owners and operators of generation projects,
19 including energy storage projects, shall conduct a study
20 on—

21 (1) best practices for generator interconnection
22 queue management, including best practices for
23 transmission providers that are under the jurisdic-
24 tion of Regional Transmission Organizations and
25 Independent System Operators and best practices

1 for transmission providers that are not under the ju-
2 risdiction of Regional Transmission Organizations
3 and Independent System Operators;

4 (2) ways to encourage the adoption and deploy-
5 ment of such best practices, including the role of in-
6 centive-based (including performance-based) rate
7 treatments; and

8 (3) the factors responsible for delays in the
9 interconnection to the bulk-power system of genera-
10 tion projects, including energy storage projects, for
11 which there are signed generator interconnection
12 agreements.

13 (b) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days after the
14 study under subsection (a) is conducted, the Commission
15 shall submit the results of the study to the Committee on
16 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
18 the Senate.

