

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2295
OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Energy Secu-
3 rity Corridors Act”.

4 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY

5 CORRIDORS ON FEDERAL LANDS.

6 (a) NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY CORRIDORS.—Not
7 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other
9 relevant agencies, States, tribal or local units of govern-
10 ments as appropriate, affected utility industries, and other
11 interested persons, shall—

12 (1) designate corridors for natural gas pipelines
13 and transmission facilities on Federal land in the
14 contiguous States referred to in section 368(b) of
15 the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C.
16 15926(b));

1 (2) perform any environmental reviews that
2 may be required to complete the designation of such
3 corridors;

4 (3) incorporate the designated corridors into
5 the relevant agency land use and resource manage-
6 ment plans or equivalent plans; and

7 (4) recommend to Congress legislation nec-
8 essary to allow for crossings of National Park Sys-
9 tem lands by natural gas transmission facilities
10 within the corridors designated under this section.

11 (b) ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Secretary, in
12 consultation with other relevant agencies, affected utility
13 industries, and other interested parties, shall establish
14 procedures under their respective authorities that—

15 (1) ensure that additional corridors for natural
16 gas transmission facilities on Federal land are
17 promptly identified and designated as necessary; and

18 (2) expedite applications to construct or modify
19 natural gas pipelines transmission facilities within
20 such corridors, taking into account prior analyses
21 and environmental reviews undertaken during the
22 designation of such corridors.

23 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out this section,
24 the Secretary, in consultation with other relevant agencies,

1 shall take into account the need for upgraded and new
2 natural gas distribution facilities to—

- 3 (1) improve reliability;
- 4 (2) relieve congestion;
- 5 (3) reduce natural gas prices; and
- 6 (4) meet the growing demand for natural gas.

7 (d) SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CORRIDORS.—In im-
8 plementing this subsection, the Secretary shall coordinate
9 with other Federal departments to—

10 (1) minimize the proliferation of duplicative
11 natural gas pipeline rights-of-way on Federal lands
12 where feasible; and

13 (2) ensure corridors can connect effectively
14 across Federal lands.

15 (e) SPECIFICATIONS OF CORRIDOR.—A corridor des-
16 igned under this section shall, at a minimum, specify
17 the centerline, width, and compatible uses of the corridor.

18 (f) OTHER AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—Nothing in
19 this section affects the authority of the Secretary to issue
20 rights-of-way on Federal land that is not located in a cor-
21 ridor designated under this section.

22 (g) APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE DESIGNATION
23 OF CORRIDORS.—Any application for a right-of-way under
24 section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185)
25 that is received by the Secretary before designation of cor-

- 1 riders under this section shall be reviewed and acted upon
- 2 independently by the Secretary without regard to the proc-
- 3 ess for such designation.

