

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1
OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS

Page 49, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10017. UNITED STATES-MEXICO ELECTRICITY EX-**
2 **CHANGE INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall
4 work with the appropriate representatives of the Govern-
5 ment of Mexico, to the extent practicable, to establish a
6 United States-Mexico Electricity Exchange Initiative to
7 promote the interconnection of electric transmission facili-
8 ties between the southern border States of the United
9 States and Mexico.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out this section,
11 the Secretary shall—

12 (1) conduct a study on the opportunities and
13 obstacles to cross-border trade of electricity;

14 (2) strengthen electric grid resilience and reli-
15 ability in the border region, including by identifying
16 cross-border mechanisms to facilitate real-time sup-
17 port to electric power systems in temporary stress;

18 (3) promote the generation and exchange of
19 electricity in the border region; and

1 (4) strengthen the economic conditions in the
2 border region.

3 (c) REPORTING.—

4 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 365 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and
7 Commerce and the Committee on Appropriations of
8 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
9 Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee
10 on Appropriations of the Senate a report containing
11 a plan to establish the United States-Mexico Elec-
12 tricity Exchange Initiative.

13 (2) ANNUAL UPDATES.—Not later than 2 years
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
15 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
16 mittee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee
17 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
18 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
19 sources and the Committee on Appropriations of the
20 Senate a report on the implementation of the United
21 States-Mexico Electricity Exchange Initiative.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not

1 more than \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
2 through 2027.

