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OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

Add at the end the following:

SEC. ___. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF ENERGY EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

(a) Establishment.—The Secretary of the Interior shall establish an Office of Energy Employment and Training, which shall oversee the efforts of the Department of the Interior’s energy planning, permitting, and regulatory activities to carry out the purposes, objectives, and requirements of this Act.

(b) Director.—

(1) In general.—The Office shall be directed by an Assistant Secretary for Energy Employment and Training, who shall report directly to the Secretary and shall be fully employed to carry out the functions of the Office.

(2) Duties.—The Assistant Secretary for Energy Employment and Training shall perform the following functions:

(A) Develop and implement systems to track the Department’s compliance with the
purposes, objectives, and requirements of the Act.

(B) Report at least quarterly to the Secretary regarding the Department’s compliance with the purposes, objectives, and requirements of this Act, including but not limited to specific data regarding the numbers and types of jobs created through the Department’s efforts and a report on all job training programs planned or in progress by the Department.

(C) Support the activities of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion and any other offices or branches established by the Secretary within the Office of Energy Employment and Training.

SEC. ___ REPORTING.

Within 12 months of the effective date of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Energy Employment and Training, shall submit a report to Congress on the Department of the Interior’s compliance with the requirements of this Act, including but not limited to specific information regarding the numbers and types of jobs created through the Department of the Interior’s efforts, the results of the Department’s efforts to enhance the
quality and efficiency of planning and permitting processes, and of any actions taken to increase total production and to encourage production early in lease terms.