

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1449, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO**

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 3. REVIEW OF GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION OR DE-
2 VELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

3 Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
4 U.S.C. 15942) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) by inserting “(30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)
7 or the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30
8 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.)” after “Mineral Leasing
9 Act”; and

10 (B) by striking “oil or gas” and inserting
11 “oil, gas, or geothermal resources”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and
14 less than 10 acres for the purposes exploration
15 or development of geothermal resources,” after
16 “less than 5 acres”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “oil or
18 gas well” and inserting “oil, gas, or geothermal
19 resource well”;

1 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “oil or
2 gas well within a developed field” and inserting
3 “oil, gas, or geothermal resource well within a
4 developed field or area”;

5 (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
6 paragraph (6); and

7 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
8 following:

9 “(5) For the purposes of exploration or develop-
10 ment of geothermal resources, placement of an elec-
11 trical transmission line or a distribution line of not
12 more than 20 miles in length in an approved right-
13 of-way corridor, so long as the corridor was ap-
14 proved within 5 years prior to the date of placement
15 of the transmission or distribution line.”.

