

AMENDMENT TO
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Add at the end of title III the following:

1 **Subtitle D—Safe and Accountable**
2 **Federal Energy Review for**
3 **Pipelines**

4 **SEC. 3401. APPROVAL OF NEW NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.**

5 Section 7(e) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
6 717f(e)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Except in the
8 cases”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) Before granting a certificate for a proposed
11 pipeline expansion project, the Commission shall—

12 “(A) conduct—

13 “(i) a full evidentiary hearing on any con-
14 tested issue of need for the expansion; or

15 “(ii) a cumulative review of major energy
16 infrastructure projects planned throughout the
17 region of the expansion, their purported pur-

1 pose and need, and their prospective impacts on
2 State and regional energy goals; and

3 “(B) consider—

4 “(i) the existence of underutilized or ineffi-
5 cient use of existing pipeline capacity;

6 “(ii) the effect of approval on existing cus-
7 tomers of other pipelines;

8 “(iii) an analysis of demonstrated regional
9 needs for the additional natural gas, including
10 consideration of the existence of precedent con-
11 tracts;

12 “(iv) consistency with the State’s clean
13 power plan, State Implementation Plan, renew-
14 able energy goals, and renewable portfolio
15 standard;

16 “(v) the region’s ability to meet any defi-
17 ciency in energy needs through energy effi-
18 ciency, dual fuel sources, LNG storage, or other
19 economically viable and less environmentally
20 disruptive measures than pipeline infrastruc-
21 ture; and

22 “(vi) Federal renewable energy goals.

23 “(3) In the case of an interstate natural gas pipeline
24 project, for purposes of the due process requirements of
25 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.

1 4321 et seq.), the Commission shall consider, in addition
2 to current requirements for environmental impact state-
3 ments, the cumulative impacts of other interstate natural
4 gas pipeline projects located within the same State, as well
5 as projects within 100 miles of the project, that are ap-
6 proved, filed with the Commission or, in the pre-filing
7 process—

8 “(A) for a 1-year period prior to the filing of
9 the project application with the Commission; and

10 “(B) before the issuance of the draft environ-
11 mental impact statement.

12 “(4) The Commission shall require all approved and
13 constructed natural gas pipeline projects to undertake a
14 five-year monitoring program to confirm that the environ-
15 mental impacts identified in any environmental impact
16 statement or analysis conducted with respect to the project
17 have been mitigated.”.

