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H. R. 5896

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2012

Mr. GIBSON (for himself and Mr. HANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1.**

4 Section 601 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
5 (7 U.S.C. 950bb) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(8) **ADDITIONAL PROCESS.**—The Secretary
9 shall establish a process under which an incumbent

1 service provider which, as of the date of the publica-
2 tion of notice under paragraph (5) with respect to
3 an application submitted by the provider, is pro-
4 viding broadband service to a remote rural area,
5 may (but shall not be required to) submit to the
6 Secretary, not less than 15 and not more than 30
7 days after that date, information regarding the
8 broadband services that the provider offers in the
9 proposed service territory, so that the Secretary may
10 assess whether the application meets the require-
11 ments of this section with respect to eligible
12 projects.”; and

13 (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the
14 following:

15 “(3) REQUIREMENT.—In considering the tech-
16 nology needs of customers in a proposed service ter-
17 ritory, the Secretary shall take into consideration the
18 upgrade or replacement cost for the construction or
19 acquisition of facilities and equipment in the terri-
20 tory.”.

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