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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Electric
5 Grid Stabilization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO STABILIZE**
2 **THE ELECTRIC GRID.**

3 (a) PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE.—Not
4 later than 10 days after receiving a request from an af-
5 fected State for assistance in stabilizing the electric grid
6 in such State, including for assistance with addressing an
7 electricity outage or electricity generation shortage, the
8 Secretary may provide assistance to such State as the Sec-
9 retary determines necessary and appropriate to stabilize
10 the electric grid in such State, including by providing tech-
11 nical assistance, temporary electricity generation, provi-
12 sion of equipment, or any other relevant assistance.

13 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall provide assist-
14 ance to an affected State under subsection (a) until such
15 time as the Secretary, in coordination with the State, de-
16 termines that the electric grid in the State is stabilized.

17 (c) REPORTS.—During any period in which assist-
18 ance is being provided to an affected State under sub-
19 section (a), the Secretary, in coordination with the State
20 and any applicable entity in the State that is responsible
21 for electricity generation, transmission, or distribution,
22 shall at least monthly submit to the Committee on Trans-
23 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
24 tives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
25 of the Senate, and the Committee on Environment and
26 Public Works of the Senate, a report on—

1 (1) electricity generation levels in the State;

2 (2) progress in stabilizing the electric grid in
3 the State;

4 (3) additional resources, including appropria-
5 tions, needed to stabilize the electric grid in the
6 State; and

7 (4) a timeline to complete the work to stabilize
8 the electric grid in the State.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) AFFECTED STATE.—The term “affected
11 State” means a State in which there is an electricity
12 generation shortage, or a failure of equipment for
13 the generation, transmission, or distribution of elec-
14 tricity, that has resulted in a disruption of the elec-
15 tric grid within the State.

16 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
18 of Engineers.

19 (3) STABILIZE.—The term “stabilize” means,
20 with respect to an electric grid, to make the electric
21 grid resilient to disruptions caused by an electricity
22 generation shortage or a failure of equipment for the
23 generation, transmission, or distribution of elec-
24 tricity.

1 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means any
2 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
3 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American
4 Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
5 Islands, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated
6 States of Micronesia.

7 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
8 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
9 \$1,000,000,000.

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