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A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to hold at least 1 public hearing before issuance of a permit affecting public or private land use in a locality.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: Jan 6, 2009

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S170)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S170) (Jan 7, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]

Party: Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA | | Jan 6, 2009 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Referred To | Jan 6, 2009 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 HR 1922 | Identical bill | Apr 21, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. |

Summary (as of Jan 6, 2009)

Amends the Federal Power Act and the Natural Gas Act to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to hold at least one public hearing in each affected county and locality before issuing any authorization for action that may affect public or private land use (other than federal land).

Requires FERC to hold one additional public hearing after the initial one if the government of such county or locality requests it in order to address an issue not addressed at the initial hearing.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 7, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S170)
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 6, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.