

HR 4860

e-KNOW Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23] | D · CA | | May 4, 2010 |
| Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11] | D · FL | | May 4, 2010 |
| Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8] | D · WI | | May 4, 2010 |
| Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1] | D · WA | | May 18, 2010 |
| Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2] | D · CO | | May 18, 2010 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1] | D · CO | | Jun 25, 2010 |

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 111 HR 5696 | Related bill | Jul 1, 2010: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. |
| 111 S 3487 | Related bill | Jun 15, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. |

Electric Consumer Right to Know Act or the e-KNOW Act - Amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to grant an electric consumer the right to access the consumer's retail electric energy information in electronic machine-readable form, in conformity with nationally recognized open standards, free of charge, and in a timely and convenient manner that provides adequate protections for information security and the consumer's privacy.

Directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to issue guidelines identifying minimum national standards to implement such right of access, including: (1) guidance on the timeliness and granularity of retail electric energy information; (2) appropriate nationally recognized open standards for data; and (3) protection of data security and electric consumer privacy.

Empowers the attorney general, official, or agency of the state, as *parens patriae*, to bring a civil action against an electric utility in U.S. district court to compel compliance with such standards.

Authorizes the court to award the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees to the party bringing a successful civil action to enforce the standards identified by the guidelines issued under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 16, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 16, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E386-387)
- **Mar 16, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.