

## HR 1900

### Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (22 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gardner, Cory [R-CO-4]	R · CO		May 9, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		May 9, 2013
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-4]	D · UT		May 9, 2013
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 9, 2013
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 14, 2013
Rep. Radel, Trey [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 16, 2013
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		May 23, 2013
Rep. Cotton, Tom [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jun 5, 2013
Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2013
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R · TN		Jun 18, 2013
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 8, 2013
Rep. Barletta, Lou [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jul 16, 2013
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Nov 15, 2013
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Nov 15, 2013

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2013
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 11, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 601.
113 HR 5360	Related bill	Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 HRES 420	Procedurally related	Nov 20, 2013: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### Summary (as of Nov 21, 2013)

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on November 18, 2013. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act - Amends the Natural Gas Act to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve or deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a prefilled project within 12 months after receiving a complete application that is ready to be processed.

Defines "prefilled project" as a project for the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of a natural gas pipeline with respect to which a prefiling docket number has been assigned by FERC pursuant to a prefiling process established by FERC for the purpose of facilitating the formal application process for obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Requires the agency responsible for issuing any federal license, permit, or approval regarding the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of a project for which a certificate is sought to approve or deny issuance of the certificate within 90 days after FERC issues its final environmental document regarding the project.

Requires FERC to grant an agency request for a 30-day extension of the 90-day time period if the agency demonstrates that it cannot otherwise complete the process required to approve or deny the license, permit, or approval, and therefore will be compelled to deny it.

Authorizes FERC, in granting such an extension, to offer technical assistance to the agency in order to address conditions preventing completion of the application review.

Declares that, if the agency fails to approve or deny issuance of a permit, license, or approval within the prescribed time-frame, the license, permit, or approval shall take effect upon expiration of 30 days after the period's end.

Directs FERC to incorporate into the terms of a license, permit, or approval any conditions proffered by the agency that FERC does not find to be inconsistent with the final environmental document.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 9, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 420. (consideration: CR H7315-7332, H7334-7335)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1900 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 420 and Rule XVIII.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ted Poe to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1900.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 420, the Committee of Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Tonko amendment No. 1.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Tonko amendment No. 1, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Tonko demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 420, the Committee of Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Castor (FL) amendment No. 2.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Castor (FL) amendment No. 2, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Castor demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 420, the Committee of Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Speier amendment No. 3.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Speier amendment No. 3, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Speier demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 420, the Committee of Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson Lee (TX) amendment No. 4.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson Lee (TX) amendment No. 4, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Jackson Lee (TX) demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 420, the Committee of Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Dingell amendment No. 5.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Dingell amendment No. 5, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Dingell demanded a recorded vote, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question on adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1900.
- **Nov 21, 2013:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H7332)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Mr. Tierney moved to recommit with instructions to Energy and Commerce. (consideration: CR H7332; text: CR H7332)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Tierney motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to report the same back to the House forthwith, with an amendment to prevent any provisions of the underlying bill from taking effect unless the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in consultation with appropriate regulatory agencies, determines that the implementation of the bill will not: adversely impact natural gas pipeline safety; or inhibit the ability of communities to meaningfully engage in the siting of natural gas pipelines that affect them.

**Nov 21, 2013:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H7332)

- **Nov 21, 2013:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 180 - 233 (Roll no. 610). (consideration: CR H7333-7334)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 252 - 165 (Roll no. 611). (text: CR H7322)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 252 - 165 (Roll no. 611). (text: CR H7322)
- **Nov 21, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Rule H. Res. 420 passed House.
- **Nov 19, 2013:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 420 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1900 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 18, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 113-269.
- **Nov 18, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 192.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 17, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 14.
- **Jul 16, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 11, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee .
- **Jul 10, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 10, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **May 9, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.