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PARs Act

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Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 3, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1109	Related bill	Sep 28, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-247.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2017)

Parity Across Reviews Act or the PARs Act

This bill amends the Federal Power Act with respect to the prohibition regarding mergers or consolidations by a public utility. Any merger or consolidation of a public utility whose value exceeds \$10 million must first be authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In addition, FERC is required to promulgate a rule within 180 days that mandates any public utility seeking to merge or consolidate to notify FERC, within 30 days of transaction consummation, if the value of such merger or consolidation exceeds \$1 million but is less than \$10 million.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2017:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-318.
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.