

HR 4476

PURPA Modernization Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Dec 1, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blum, Rod [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Nov 29, 2017
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Dec 11, 2017
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Feb 8, 2018
Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jul 13, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2776	Related bill	Apr 26, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill amends the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to address the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) one-mile rule and the mandatory purchase obligation for electric utility companies to purchase energy from certain facilities.

The bill directs FERC to publish a final rule that allows any person or entity to provide a rebuttable presumption to the one-mile rule. Under the one-mile rule, facilities are considered to be located at the same site as the facility for which qualification is sought if they are located within one mile of such facility. Specified factors must be taken into consideration by FERC when it determines whether two facilities are located at the same site.

The bill authorizes an electric utility company to waive the mandatory purchase obligation if additional power is not required to meet customers' electricity needs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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