

## HR 173

### Pipeline Fairness and Transparency Act

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Pipeline Fairness and Transparency Act**

This bill addresses eminent domain, environmental review for interstate natural gas pipeline projects, and the visual impacts of natural gas pipeline projects on national scenic trails.

The bill revises the process for environmental reviews of natural gas projects. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) must prepare a supplement to a draft or final environmental impact statement if (1) FERC makes a substantial change in the proposed action that is relevant to environmental concerns, or (2) there are significant new circumstances relevant to environmental concerns. FERC must also hold public meetings in each county (or equivalent subdivision) in which a project is to be located.

Additionally, in an environmental impact statement, an evaluation of the visual impacts of a project on a national scenic trail must include a cumulative analysis of the visual impacts of the project and similar proposed projects.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
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