

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3001

To authorize certain long-term contracts for Federal purchases of energy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2015

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. GIBSON, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Renewable Energy
5 Certainty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTS FOR FEDERAL PURCHASES OF EN-**
2 **ERGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part 3 of title V of the National
4 Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 554. LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR ENERGY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
8 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, a Federal
9 agency may enter into a contract for the acquisition of
10 renewable energy or energy from cogeneration facilities
11 covering a period of not more than 30 years.

12 “(b) STANDARDIZED ENERGY PURCHASE AGREE-
13 MENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
14 ment of this section, the Secretary, through the Federal
15 Energy Management Program, shall publish a standard-
16 ized energy purchase agreement, setting forth commercial
17 terms and conditions, that Federal agencies may use to
18 acquire renewable energy or energy from cogeneration fa-
19 cilities.

20 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
21 provide technical assistance to assist Federal agencies in
22 implementing this section.”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The table
2 of contents for such Act is amended by adding at the end
3 of the items relating to such part 3 the following new item:

“Sec. 554. Long-term contracts for energy.”.

