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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2013

Mr. POMPEO (for himself, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. OLSON, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Natural Gas Pipeline
5 Permitting Reform Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATORY APPROVAL OF NATURAL GAS PIPE-**
2 **LINE PROJECTS.**

3 Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717f)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 sections:

6 “(i) The Commission shall approve or deny a certifi-
7 cate of public convenience and necessity that is sought
8 under this Act not later than 12 months after providing
9 public notice of the application.

10 “(j)(1) The agency responsible for issuing any li-
11 cense, permit, or approval required under Federal law in
12 connection with the siting, construction, expansion, or op-
13 eration of any natural gas pipeline project for which a cer-
14 tificate of public convenience and necessity is sought under
15 this Act shall approve or deny the issuance of the license,
16 permit, or approval not later than 90 days after the Com-
17 mission issues its final environmental document relating
18 to the project.

19 “(2) An agency may request that the Commission ex-
20 tend the time period under paragraph (1) by 30 days. The
21 Commission shall grant such extension if the agency dem-
22 onstrates that the extension is necessary because of un-
23 foreseen circumstances beyond the control of the agency.

24 “(3) If an agency described in paragraph (1) does
25 not approve or deny the issuance of the license, permit,
26 or approval within the time period specified under para-

- 1 graph (1) or (2), as applicable, such license, permit, or
- 2 approval shall go into effect.”.

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