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To amend the Federal Power Act to modify a provision relating to the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Federal Power Act to modify a provision relating to the siting of interstate electric transmission facilities.

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. SITING OF INTERSTATE ELECTRIC TRANS-**
4 **MISSION FACILITIES.**

5 Section 216 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
6 824p) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “subsection (i)” and inserting “sub-
3 section (h)”;

4 (B) in paragraph (1)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking
6 “or” at the end; and

7 (ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and
8 inserting the following:

9 “(C) a State commission or other State en-
10 tity that has authority to approve the siting of
11 facilities has approved the siting of a proposed
12 facility; or

13 “(D) a State commission or other State
14 entity that has authority to approve the siting
15 of facilities has unreasonably withheld a deter-
16 mination, or delayed making a determination,
17 regarding the siting of a proposed facility for a
18 period of not less than 2 years after the date
19 on which the applicable permit application was
20 filed;”;

21 (2) by striking subsections (e) and (f);

22 (3) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), (g),
23 (h), (i), (j), and (k) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g),
24 (h), (i), and (j), respectively;

1 (4) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(c) EFFECT OF STATE ACTION.—The Commission
4 shall not issue a permit under this section if a State com-
5 mission or other State entity has denied an application
6 for a permit for the same project submitted to the State
7 commission or other entity during the 2-year period begin-
8 ning on the date on which the permit application is sub-
9 mitted to the State commission or other entity.”; and
10 (5) in subsection (i)(2) (as redesignated by
11 paragraph (3)), by striking “Subsection (h)(6)” and
12 inserting “Subsection (g)(6)”.

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