

9 AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To authorize the Secretary of Energy to make grants to increase energy efficiency, promote siting or upgrading of transmission and distribution lines, and providing or modernizing electric facilities in rural areas.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by
Mr. Jeffords

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- 1 On page 159, after line 23, add the following:
- 2 SEC. _____. RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY ELEC-
- 3 TRIFICATION GRANTS.
- 4 The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978
- 5 (16 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) is amended in title VI by adding
- 6 at the end the following:

1 **"SEC. 609. RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES ELEC-**
2 **TRIFICATION GRANTS.**

3 **"(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

4 **"(1)** The term 'eligible grantee' means a local
5 government or municipality, peoples' utility district,
6 irrigation district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or lim-
7 ited-dividend association in a rural area.

8 **"(2)** The term 'incremental hydropower' means
9 additional generation achieved from increased effi-
10 ciency after January 1, 2005, at a hydroelectric dam
11 that was placed in service before January 1, 2005.

12 **"(3)** The term 'renewable energy' means elec-
13 tricity generated from—

14 **"(A)** a renewable energy source; or

15 **"(B)** hydrogen, other than hydrogen pro-
16 duced from a fossil fuel, that is produced from
17 a renewable energy source.

18 **"(4)** The term 'renewable energy source'
19 means—

20 **"(A)** wind;

21 **"(B)** ocean waves;

22 **"(C)** biomass;

23 **"(D)** solar

24 **"(E)** landfill gas;

25 **"(F)** incremental hydropower;

26 **"(G)** livestock methane; or

1 “(H) geothermal energy.

2 “(5) The term ‘rural area’ means a city, town,
3 or unincorporated area that has a population of not
4 more than 10,000 inhabitants.

5 “(b) GRANTS.—The Secretary, in consultation with
6 the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior, may provide grants under this section to eligible
8 grantees for the purpose of—

9 “(1) increasing energy efficiency, siting or up-
10 grading transmission and distribution lines serving
11 rural areas;; or

12 “(2) providing or modernizing electric genera-
13 tion facilities that serve rural areas.

14 “(c) GRANT ADMINISTRATION.—(1) The Secretary
15 shall make grants under this section based on a deter-
16 mination of cost-effectiveness and the most effective use
17 of the funds to achieve the purposes described in sub-
18 section (b).

19 “(2) For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate
20 grant funds under this section equally between the pur-
21 poses described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection
22 (b).

23 “(3) In making grants for the purposes described in
24 subsection (b)(2), the Secretary shall give preference to
25 renewable energy facilities.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
3 out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006
4 through 2012.”.