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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for long-term
nuclear power purchase agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. LURIA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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for long-term nuclear power purchase agreements, and
for other purposes.

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 “Nuclear Power Pur-
5 chase Agreements Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LONG-TERM NUCLEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREE-**
2 **MENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy (in
4 this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall develop
5 and carry out a program to enter into long-term nuclear
6 power purchase agreements.

7 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing and carrying out
8 the program under this section, the Secretary shall—

9 (1) consult with the heads of other Federal de-
10 partments and agencies that may benefit from pur-
11 chasing power for a period of not more than 40
12 years;

13 (2) enter into one or more agreements to pur-
14 chase power—

15 (A) generated by a nuclear reactor for
16 which an initial license is issued under section
17 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42
18 U.S.C. 2133) after January 1, 2020; and

19 (B) notwithstanding section 501(b)(1)(B)
20 of title 40, United States Code, for a period of
21 at least 10 years but not more than 40 years;
22 and

23 (3) not later than December 31, 2026, seek to
24 enter into at least 1 agreement described in para-
25 graph (2) that meets the specifications under sub-
26 section (c).

1 (c) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall seek to
3 enter into an agreement under subsection (b)(3) that
4 can provide reliable and resilient power—

5 (A) in remote off-grid scenarios;

6 (B) in grid-connected scenarios that can
7 provide capabilities commonly known as
8 “islanding power capabilities” during an emer-
9 gency scenario;

10 (C) to assets that are of high-value for na-
11 tional security purposes; or

12 (D) for other purposes the Secretary deter-
13 mines to be in the national interest.

14 (2) EFFECT ON RATES.—An agreement to pur-
15 chase power under subsection (b)(3) may be for the
16 purchase of power at a rate that is higher than the
17 average market rate.