**Amendments to S. 2012**

**The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015**

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**Amendments NRECA Supports**

* Murkowski Managers Amendment (Reliability Impact Statement)—The amendment would establish that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) is responsible for drafting an independent reliability analysis regarding a proposed major rule that may significantly affect the operation of the bulk-power system.
* Hoeven Amendment (Coal Ash) – The amendment would provide authority for states to create and administer permit programs for the non-hazardous regulation of coal ash structures, a model consistent with existing environmental regulations. The amendment would also ensure certainty of permanent non-hazardous treatment to promote the continued beneficial re-use of coal ash.
* Franken Amendment (Captive Shippers) – The amendment would authorize the Department of Energy to coordinate efforts with federal agencies and other stakeholders to maintain an adequate supply of coal for purposes of electric utility reliability during fuel supply emergencies.
* Flake Amendment (WAPA Transparency) – The amendment would establish a pilot program focused on increased transparency of the operations of the Western Area Power Administration. The pilot program would require WAPA to publish on its website various data points about power and transmission rates, overhead costs, and capital expenditures.

**Amendments NRECA Opposes**

* King Amendment (Distributed Energy Resources) – The amendment would require the consideration of an interconnection standard for distributed energy resources.
* Heinrich Amendment (Community Solar Facilities) – The amendment would require the consideration of an interconnection standard for community solar facilities.
* Johnson Amendment (Grid Vulnerabilities and Electromagnetic Pulses) – There are rumors that Senator Johnson is considering an amendment regarding the threat of electrometric pulses (EMP) to the electric grid. An EMP amendment could undermine the electric reliability standards role or process.
* Franken Amendment (Energy Efficiency Mandate) – The amendment would establish an energy efficiency mandate requiring a retail electricity supplier to attain 20% in savings by 2030.
* Whitehouse Amendment (Eliminate Fossil-Fuel Generated Electricity for Federal Buildings) – The amendment would reinstate a statutory mandate involving new Federal buildings and existing Federal buildings where at least $2.5 billion in refurbishments has occurred. The mandate requires that these Federal buildings end their use of fossil-fuel generated electricity by 2030.
* King Amendment (Net Metering Study) – The amendment would require the Department of Energy to issue model guidance on criteria to be included in net metering studies and to prepare a net metering study.
* Sanders Amendment (Community Solar Facilities) – The amendment would establish a loan program for the deployment of community solar facilities.
* Sanders Amendment (Rebates for Rooftop Solar Systems) – The amendment would require the Department of Energy to establish a program to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of residential and commercial rooftop solar systems.