

# **RPC Highlight**

<u>H.R. 1047</u> - *GRID Power* Act Sponsored by Rep. Troy Balderson (OH-12) RPC Region 3

### **Bill Summary:**

This legislation requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) to initiate rulemaking to address inefficiencies in existing procedures for processing interconnection requests to improve grid reliability and allow new dispatchable power projects to quickly connect to the electric grid.

The rule should also authorize transmission providers to submit proposals to the Commission to address the interconnection queue to prioritize new dispatchable power projects that will improve grid reliability and resource adequacy. Any proposal should demonstrate the need for prioritization and describe how prioritization will improve grid reliability and resilience.

## **Policy Background:**

The <u>interconnection queue</u> refers to a list of proposed power plant projects seeking to connect to the transmission grid. Electronic transmission system operators require these projects to undergo impact studies before they can be built. In 2023, the backlog of this interconnection queue <u>grew by 30%.</u>

#### Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Press Release, February 6, 2025.

#### **Committee Action:**

This legislation received a <u>markup</u> and was reported favorably by the House Energy and Commerce Committee on June 25, 2025, by a vote of 28-23.