

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1687  
OFFERED BY MR. FULCHER OF IDAHO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Committing Leases  
3 for Energy Access Now Act” or the “CLEAN Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. GEOTHERMAL LEASING.**

5 (a) ANNUAL LEASING.—Section 4(b) of the Geo-  
6 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “2 years” and  
9 inserting “year”;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
11 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

12 (3) after paragraph (2), by inserting the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—If a lease sale  
15 under paragraph (1) for a year is canceled or de-  
16 layed, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a  
17 replacement sale during the same year.

1           “(4) REQUIREMENT.—Of the nominated parcels  
2 eligible for geothermal development and utilization  
3 under the resource management plan in effect for  
4 the State, the Secretary shall, in conducting a lease  
5 sale under paragraph (2), offer for lease—

6           “(A) 75 percent of such nominated parcels;

7           and

8           “(B) the remaining 25 percent of such  
9 nominated parcels, unless the Secretary pro-  
10 vides a written justification that identifies a  
11 statutory, environmental, or administrative  
12 basis that prevents the Secretary from offering  
13 such nominated parcels for lease.”.

14       (b) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-  
15 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—Section 4 of the Geo-  
16 thermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003) is amended  
17 by adding at the end the following:

18       “(h) DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF GEO-  
19 THERMAL DRILLING PERMITS.—

20           “(1) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the  
21 date on which the Secretary receives an application  
22 for any geothermal drilling permit, the Secretary  
23 shall—

24           “(A) provide written notice to the appli-  
25 cant that the application is complete; or

1           “(B) notify the applicant that information  
2 is missing and specify any information that is  
3 required to be submitted for the application to  
4 be complete.

5           “(2) ISSUANCE OR DEFERRAL.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30  
7 days after the Secretary has provided written  
8 notice to an applicant for a geothermal drilling  
9 permit that the application for such permit is  
10 complete pursuant to subparagraph (1)(A), the  
11 Secretary shall—

12           “(i) issue the permit, if the require-  
13 ments under the National Environmental  
14 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et  
15 seq.) and other applicable law have been  
16 completed within such timeframe; or

17           “(ii) defer the decision on the permit  
18 and provide to the applicant a notice—

19           “(I) that specifies any steps that  
20 the applicant could take for the per-  
21 mit to be issued; and

22           “(II) that includes a list of ac-  
23 tions that need to be taken by the  
24 agency to comply with applicable law,  
25 together with timelines and deadlines

1                   for taking such actions, which shall  
2                   not exceed the deadlines specified in  
3                   section 107(g) of the National Envi-  
4                   ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42  
5                   U.S.C. 4336a(g)).

6                   “(B) DEADLINE FOR DEFERRED DECI-  
7                   SIONS.—If the Secretary defers a decision on a  
8                   permit under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Sec-  
9                   retary shall issue a decision on the permit not  
10                  later than 10 days after the applicant takes any  
11                  steps specified pursuant to subparagraph  
12                  (A)(ii)(I) and the agency takes the actions list-  
13                  ed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) in ac-  
14                  cordance with any applicable timelines and  
15                  deadlines.”.

