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# H. R. 4834

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LURIA (for herself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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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.

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