



THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2012

To: Members, Committee on Energy and Power

From: Committee Staff

Re: Amendment for H.R. 3548, the "North American Energy Access Act"

The Majority anticipates that the attached amendment in the nature of a substitute (AINS) will be offered to H.R. 3548. The AINS makes the following changes.

Section 3 Amendments

- Clarifies that FERC must issue the permit without additional conditions.
- Requires FERC to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State of Nebraska within 30 days of enactment.
- Clarifies that the holder of any permit issued under the Act may begin construction of portions of the pipeline while the proposed Nebraska route modification is under consideration.

Section 4 Amendment

- Clarifies that no presidential permits are required for the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

I. STAFF CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Patrick Carrier or Garrett Golding at x5-2927.