115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2274

AN ACT

- To amend the Federal Power Act to provide for extended periods relating to preliminary permits and commencement of construction, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "HYdropower Permit
3	Extension Act" or the "HYPE Act".
4	SEC. 2. EXTENSIONS OF PERIODS.
5	(a) Preliminary Permits.—Section 5 of the Fed-
6	eral Power Act (16 U.S.C. 798) is amended—
7	(1) in subsection (a), by striking "three" and
8	inserting "four"; and
9	(2) in subsection (b)—
10	(A) by striking "Commission may extend
11	the period of a preliminary permit once for not
12	more than 2 additional years beyond the 3
13	years" and inserting the following: "Commis-
14	sion may—
15	"(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit
16	once for not more than 4 additional years beyond
17	the 4 years";
18	(B) by striking the period at the end and
19	inserting "; and"; and
20	(C) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(2) if the period of a preliminary permit is ex-
22	tended under paragraph (1), extend the period of
23	such preliminary permit once for not more than 4
24	additional years beyond the extension period granted
25	under paragraph (1), if the Commission determines

that there are extraordinary circumstances that war rant such additional extension.".

3 (b) TIME LIMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT
4 WORKS.—Section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
5 806) is amended in the second sentence by striking "once
6 but not longer than two additional years" and inserting
7 "for not more than 8 additional years,".

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2017. Attest:

Clerk.

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