

Calendar No. 135

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R. 2274**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2017

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “HYdropower Permit
5 Extension Act” or the “HYPE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSIONS OF PERIODS.**

7 (a) PRELIMINARY PERMITS.—Section 5 of the Fed-
8 eral Power Act (16 U.S.C. 798) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “three” and
10 inserting “four”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking “Commission may extend
3 the period of a preliminary permit once for not
4 more than 2 additional years beyond the 3
5 years” and inserting the following: “Commis-
6 sion may—

7 “(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit
8 once for not more than 4 additional years beyond
9 the 4 years”;

10 (B) by striking the period at the end and
11 inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) if the period of a preliminary permit is ex-
14 tended under paragraph (1), extend the period of
15 such preliminary permit once for not more than 4
16 additional years beyond the extension period granted
17 under paragraph (1), if the Commission determines
18 that there are extraordinary circumstances that war-
19 rant such additional extension.”.

20 (b) TIME LIMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT
21 WORKS.—Section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
22 806) is amended in the second sentence by striking “once

- 1 but not longer than two additional years” and inserting
- 2 “for not more than 8 additional years,”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.

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