

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 944

To provide rules regarding the payment by certain political subdivisions in the State of Montana of charges imposed by the United States with respect to a hydroelectric project located in Granite and Deer Lodge Counties, Montana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 1995

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Commerce

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. EXEMPTION OF FLINT CREEK HYDROELECTRIC**
4 **PROJECT FROM CERTAIN CHARGES.**

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10(e)(1) of
6 the Federal Power Act providing for the payment to the
7 United States of annual charges for the use, occupancy,

1 and enjoyment of its lands by the holder of a license issued
2 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant
3 to part I of that Act, and notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of Federal law providing for the payment to the
5 United States of charges, annual or otherwise, for the use,
6 occupancy, and enjoyment of its lands for the purpose of
7 operating and maintaining a hydroelectric development li-
8 censed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
9 any political subdivision of the State of Montana which
10 holds a license for FERC Project No. 1473 in Granite
11 and Deer Lodge Counties, Montana, shall be relieved, for
12 the 5-year period following its acceptance of the license,
13 from the payment of such charges for the use of lands
14 owned by the United States lying within the boundaries
15 of the project and, after such 5-year period, be required
16 to pay the lesser of \$20,000 or such annual charge for
17 the use of such lands as the Federal Energy Regulatory
18 Commission or any other department or agency of the
19 Federal Government may assess, as long as such political
20 subdivision continues to hold the license for the project.
21 This section shall take effect on the date that any political
22 subdivision of the State of Montana accepts the terms and
23 conditions of the license for the FERC Project No. 1473.

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