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Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 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 That the following sums are appropriated, out of any
- 4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
- 5 fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, for energy and
- 6 water development, and for other purposes, namely:

| 1 | TITLE I |
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| 2 | DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL |
| 3 | DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY |
| 4 | CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL |
| 5 | The following appropriations shall be expended under |
| 6 | the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the super- |
| 7 | vision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil func- |
| 8 | tions of the Department of the Army pertaining to rivers |
| 9 | and harbors, flood control, beach erosion, and related pur- |
| 10 | poses. |
| 11 | GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS |
| 12 | For expenses necessary for the collection and study |
| 13 | of basic information pertaining to river and harbor, flood |
| 14 | control, shore protection, and related projects, restudy of |
| 15 | authorized projects, miscellaneous investigations, and, |
| 16 | when authorized by laws, surveys and detailed studies and |
| 17 | plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, |
| 18 | \$154,557,000, to remain available until expended, of |
| 19 | which funds are provided for the following projects in the |
| 20 | amounts specified: |
| 21 | Coastal Studies Navigation Improvements, |
| 22 | Alaska, \$500,000; |
| 23 | Red River Navigation, Southwest, Arkansas, |
| 24 | \$600,000; |
| 25 | Barnegat Inlet to Little Egg Harbor Inlet, New |
| 26 | Jersey, \$300,000; |

- 1 South Shore of Staten Island, New York, 2 \$300,000; and 3 Rhode Island South Coast, Habitat Restoration Storm Damage Reduction, Rhode and Island, 5 \$300,000. 6 CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL 7 For the prosecution of river and harbor, flood control, shore protection, and related projects authorized by laws; 8 9 and detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of 10 projects (including those for development with participation or under consideration for participation by States, 11 local governments, or private groups) authorized or made 13 eligible for selection by law (but such studies shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction), 15 \$1,024,195,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary pursuant to Public Law 17 99–662 shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust 18 Fund, for one-half of the costs of construction and rehabilitation of inland waterways projects, including construc-19
- 20 tion costs for Montgomery Point Lock and Dam, Arkan-
- 21 sas, and rehabilitation costs for the Lock and Dam 25,
- 22 Mississippi River, Illinois and Missouri, Lock and Dam
- 23 14, Mississippi River, Iowa, and Lock and Dam 24, Mis-
- 24 sissippi River, Illinois and Missouri, projects, and of which
- 25 funds are provided for the following projects in the
- 26 amounts specified:

| 1 | Larsen Bay Harbor, Alaska, \$2,000,000; |
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| 2 | Ouzinkie Harbor, Alaska, \$2,000,000; |
| 3 | Valdez Harbor, Alaska, Intertidal Water Reten- |
| 4 | tion, \$1,000,000; |
| 5 | Red River Emergency Bank Protection, Arkan- |
| 6 | sas, \$6,000,000; |
| 7 | Indianapolis Central Waterfront, Indiana |
| 8 | \$2,000,000; |
| 9 | Harlan (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big |
| 10 | Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Ken- |
| 11 | tucky, \$10,000,000; |
| 12 | Williamsburg (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big |
| 13 | Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Ken- |
| 14 | tucky, \$4,700,000; |
| 15 | Middlesboro (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big |
| 16 | Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Ken- |
| 17 | tucky, \$4,000,000; |
| 18 | Pike County (Levisa and Tug Forks of the Big |
| 19 | Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), Ken- |
| 20 | tucky, \$3,000,000; |
| 21 | Ouachita River Levees, Louisiana, \$2,600,000 |
| 22 | Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Louisiana |
| 23 | \$18,525,000; |
| 24 | Lake Pontchartrain (Jefferson Parish) |
| 25 | Stormwater Discharge Louisiana \$3 500 000 |

| 1 | Red River Emergency Bank Protection, Louisi- |
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| 2 | ana, \$4,400,000; |
| 3 | Red River Chloride Control, Texas, \$4,500,000; |
| 4 | Wallisville Lake, Texas, \$5,000,000; |
| 5 | Richmond Filtration Plant, Virginia, |
| 6 | \$3,500,000; |
| 7 | Virginia Beach, Virginia, Hurricane Protection, |
| 8 | \$6,000,000; |
| 9 | Hatfield Bottom (Levisa and Tug Forks of the |
| 10 | Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), |
| 11 | West Virginia, \$1,600,000; |
| 12 | Lower Mingo (Kermit) (Levisa and Tug Forks |
| 13 | of the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland |
| 14 | River), \$4,200,000; |
| 15 | Lower Mingo, West Virginia, Tributaries Sup- |
| 16 | plement, \$105,000; and |
| 17 | Upper Mingo County (Levisa and Tug Forks of |
| 18 | the Big Sandy River and Upper Cumberland River), |
| 19 | West Virginia, \$4,000,000: Provided, That of the |
| 20 | funds provided for the Red River Waterway, Mis- |
| 21 | sissippi River to Shreveport, Louisiana, project, |
| 22 | \$3,000,000 is provided, to remain available until ex- |
| 23 | pended, for design and construction of a regional |
| 24 | visitor center in the vicinity of Shreveport, Louisiana |
| 25 | at full Federal expense. |

- 1 FLOOD CONTROL, MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBU-
- 2 Taries, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisi-
- 3 Ana, mississippi, missouri, and tennessee
- 4 For expenses necessary for prosecuting work of flood
- 5 control, and rescue work, repair, restoration, or mainte-
- 6 nance of flood control projects threatened or destroyed by
- 7 flood, as authorized by law (33 U.S.C. 702a, 702g-1),
- 8 \$312,513,000, to remain available until expended: Pro-
- 9 vided, That the President of the Mississippi River Com-
- 10 mission is directed henceforth to use the variable cost re-
- 11 covery rate set forth in OMB Circular A-126 for use of
- 12 the Commission aircraft authorized by the Flood Control
- 13 Act of 1946, Public Law 526.
- 14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, GENERAL
- For expenses necessary for the preservation, oper-
- 16 ation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor,
- 17 flood control, and related works, including such sums as
- 18 may be necessary for the maintenance of harbor channels
- 19 provided by a State, municipality or other public agency,
- 20 outside of harbor lines, and serving essential needs of gen-
- 21 eral commerce and navigation; surveys and charting of
- 22 northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters;
- 23 clearing and straightening channels; and removal of ob-
- 24 structions to navigation, \$1,700,358,000, to remain avail-
- 25 able until expended, of which such sums as become avail-
- 26 able in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, pursuant to

- 1 Public Law 99-662, may be derived from that fund, and
- 2 of which such sums as become available from the special
- 3 account established by the Land and Water Conservation
- 4 Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l), may be derived
- 5 from that fund for construction, operation, and mainte-
- 6 nance of outdoor recreation facilities: Provided, That the
- 7 Secretary of the Army is directed to design and implement
- 8 at full Federal expense an early flood warning system for
- 9 the Greenbrier and Cheat River Basins, West Virginia
- 10 within eighteen months from the date of enactment of this
- 11 Act: Provided further, That the Secretary of the Army is
- 12 directed during fiscal year 1997 to maintain a minimum
- 13 conservation pool level of 475.5 at Wister Lake in Okla-
- 14 homa: Provided further, That no funds, whether appro-
- 15 priated, contributed, or otherwise provided, shall be avail-
- 16 able to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for
- 17 the purpose of acquiring land in Jasper County, South
- 18 Carolina, in connection with the Savannah Harbor naviga-
- 19 tion project.
- 20 REGULATORY PROGRAM
- 21 For expenses necessary for administration of laws
- 22 pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands,
- 23 \$101,000,000, to remain available until expended.
- 24 FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES
- 25 For expenses necessary for emergency flood control,
- 26 hurricane, and shore protection activities, as authorized

- 1 by section 5 of the Flood Control Act approved August
- 2 18, 1941, as amended, \$10,000,000, to remain available
- 3 until expended.
- 4 GENERAL EXPENSES
- 5 For expenses necessary for general administration
- 6 and related functions in the Office of the Chief of Engi-
- 7 neers and offices of the Division Engineers; activities of
- 8 the Coastal Engineering Research Board, the Humphreys
- 9 Engineer Center Support Activity, the Engineering Stra-
- 10 tegic Studies Center, and the Water Resources Support
- 11 Center, and for costs of implementing the Secretary of the
- 12 Army's plan to reduce the number of division offices as
- 13 directed in title I, Public Law 104–46, \$153,000,000, to
- 14 remain available until expended: Provided, That no part
- 15 of any other appropriation provided in title I of this Act
- 16 shall be available to fund the activities of the Office of
- 17 the Chief of Engineers or the executive direction and man-
- 18 agement activities of the Division Offices: Provided fur-
- 19 ther, That the Secretary of the Army may not obligate any
- 20 funds available to the Department of the Army for the
- 21 closure of the Pacific Ocean Division Office of the Army
- 22 Corps of Engineers.
- 23 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS
- Appropriations in this title shall be available for offi-
- 25 cial reception and representation expenses (not to exceed
- 26 \$5,000); and during the current fiscal year the revolving

- 1 fund, Corps of Engineers, shall be available for purchase
- 2 (not to exceed 100 for replacement only) and hire of pas-
- 3 senger motor vehicles.
- 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS
- 5 Sec. 101. The flood control project for Arkansas
- 6 City, Kansas authorized by section 401(a) of the Water
- 7 Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–662,
- 8 100 Stat. 4116) is modified to authorize the Secretary of
- 9 the Army to construct the project at a total cost of
- 10 \$38,500,000, with an estimated first Federal cost of
- 11 \$19,250,000 and an estimated first non-Federal cost of
- 12 \$19,250,000.
- 13 Sec. 102. Funds previously provided under the Fiscal
- 14 Year 1993 Energy and Water Development Act, Public
- 15 Law 102-377, for the Elk Creek Dam, Oregon project,
- 16 are hereby made available to plan and implement long
- 17 term management measures at Elk Creek Dam to main-
- 18 tain the project in an uncompleted state and to take nec-
- 19 essary steps to provide passive fish passage through the
- 20 project.
- 21 Sec. 103. The flood control project for Moorefield,
- 22 West Virginia, authorized by section 101(a)(25) of the
- 23 Water Resources Development Act of 1990 (Public Law
- 24 101–640, 104 Stat. 4610) is modified to authorize the
- 25 Secretary of the Army to construct the project at a total
- 26 cost of \$26,200,000, with an estimated first Federal cost

- 1 of \$20,300,000 and an estimated first non-Federal cost
- 2 of \$5,900,000.
- 3 Sec. 104. The project for navigation, Grays Landing
- 4 Lock and Dam, Monongahela River, Pennsylvania (Lock
- 5 and Dam 7 Replacement), authorized by section 301(a)
- 6 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public
- 7 Law 99–662, 100 Stat. 4110) is modified to authorize the
- 8 Secretary of the Army to construct the project at a total
- 9 cost of \$181,000,000, with an estimated first Federal cost
- 10 of \$181,000,000.
- 11 Sec. 105. From the date of enactment of this Act,
- 12 flood control measures implemented under Section 202(a)
- 13 of Public Law 96–367 shall prevent future losses that
- 14 would occur from a flood equal in magnitude to the April
- 15 1977 level by providing protection from the April 1977
- 16 level or the 100-year frequency event, whichever is greater.
- 17 Sec. 106. Notwithstanding any other provision of
- 18 law, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
- 19 of Engineers, is authorized to reprogram, obligate and ex-
- 20 pend such additional sums as are necessary to continue
- 21 construction and cover anticipated contract earnings of
- 22 any water resources project that received an appropriation
- 23 or allowance for construction in or through an appropria-
- 24 tions Act or resolution of the then-current fiscal year or
- 25 the two fiscal years immediately prior to that fiscal year,

- 1 in order to prevent the termination of a contract or the
- 2 delay of scheduled work.
- 3 Sec. 107. (a) In fiscal year 1997, the Secretary of
- 4 the Army shall advertise for competitive bid at least
- 5 7,500,000 cubic yards of the hooper dredge volume accom-
- 6 plished with government owned dredges in fiscal year
- 7 1996.
- 8 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
- 9 Secretary is authorized to use the dredge fleet of the Corps
- 10 of Engineers to undertake projects when industry does not
- 11 perform as required by the contract specifications or when
- 12 the bids are more than 25 percent in excess of what the
- 13 Secretary determines to be a fair and reasonable estimated
- 14 cost of a well equipped contractor doing the work or to
- 15 respond to emergency requirements.
- 16 Sec. 108. The Corps of Engineers is hereby directed
- 17 to complete the Charleston Riverfront (Haddad) Park
- 18 Project, West Virginia, as described in the design memo-
- 19 randum approved November, 1992, on a 50–50 cost-share
- 20 basis with the City. The Corps of Engineers shall pay one-
- 21 half of all costs for settling contractor claims on the com-
- 22 pleted project and for completing the wharf. The Federal
- 23 portion of these costs shall be obtained by reprogramming
- 24 available Operations & Maintenance funds. The project
- 25 cost limitation in the Project Cooperation Agreement shall

| 1 | be increased to reflect the actual costs of the completed |
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| 2 | project. |
| 3 | TITLE II |
| 4 | DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR |
| 5 | CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT |
| 6 | CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT |
| 7 | For the purpose of carrying out provisions of the |
| 8 | Central Utah Project Completion Act, Public Law 102– |
| 9 | 575 (106 Stat. 4605), and for feasibility studies of alter- |
| 10 | natives to the Uintah and Upalco Units, \$42,527,000, to |
| 11 | remain available until expended, of which \$16,700,000 |
| 12 | shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation |
| 13 | and Conservation Account: Provided, That of the amounts |
| 14 | deposited into the Account, $$5,000,000$ shall be considered |
| 15 | the Federal contribution authorized by paragraph |
| 16 | 402(b)(2) of the Act and \$11,700,000 shall be available |
| 17 | to the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation |
| 18 | Commission to carry out activities authorized under the |
| 19 | Act. |
| 20 | In addition, for necessary expenses incurred in carry- |
| 21 | ing out responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior |
| 22 | under the Act, \$1,100,000, to remain available until ex- |
| 23 | pended. |

| 1 | BUREAU OF RECLAMATION |
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| 2 | For carrying out the functions of the Bureau of Rec- |
| 3 | lamation as provided in the Federal reclamation laws (Act |
| 4 | of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory |
| 5 | thereof or supplementary thereto) and other Acts applica- |
| 6 | ble to that Bureau as follows: |
| 7 | GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS |
| 8 | For engineering and economic investigations of pro- |
| 9 | posed Federal reclamation projects and studies of water |
| 10 | conservation and development plans and activities prelimi- |
| 11 | nary to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and betterment, |
| 12 | financial adjustment, or extension of existing projects, |
| 13 | \$18,105,000, to remain available until expended: $Pro-$ |
| 14 | vided, That of the total appropriated, the amount for pro- |
| 15 | gram activities which can be financed by the reclamation |
| 16 | fund shall be derived from that fund: Provided further, |
| 17 | That funds contributed by non-Federal entities for pur- |
| 18 | poses similar to this appropriation shall be available for |
| 19 | expenditure for the purposes for which contributed as |
| 20 | though specifically appropriated for said purposes, and |
| 21 | such amounts shall remain available until expended. |
| 22 | CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM |
| 23 | (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) |
| 24 | For construction and rehabilitation of projects and |
| 25 | parts thereof (including power transmission facilities for |
| 26 | Bureau of Reclamation use) and for other related activi- |

- 1 ties as authorized by law, \$410,499,000, to remain avail-
- 2 able until expended, of which \$23,410,000 shall be avail-
- 3 able for transfer to the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund
- 4 authorized by section 5 of the Act of April 11, 1956 (43
- 5 U.S.C. 620d), and \$71,728,000 shall be available for
- 6 transfer to the Lower Colorado River Basin Development
- 7 Fund authorized by section 403 of the Act of September
- 8 30, 1968 (43 U.S.C. 1543), and such amounts as may
- 9 be necessary shall be considered as though advanced to
- 10 the Colorado River Dam Fund for the Boulder Canyon
- 11 Project as authorized by the Act of December 21, 1928,
- 12 as amended: *Provided*, That of the total appropriated, the
- 13 amount for program activities which can be financed by
- 14 the reclamation fund shall be derived from that fund: Pro-
- 15 vided further, That transfers to the Upper Colorado River
- 16 Basin Fund and Lower Colorado River Basin Develop-
- 17 ment Fund may be increased or decreased by transfers
- 18 within the overall appropriation under this heading: Pro-
- 19 vided further, That funds contributed by non-Federal enti-
- 20 ties for purposes similar to this appropriation shall be
- 21 available for expenditure for the purposes for which con-
- 22 tributed as though specifically appropriated for said pur-
- 23 poses, and such funds shall remain available until ex-
- 24 pended: Provided further, That all costs of the safety of
- 25 dams modification work at Coolidge Dam, San Carlos Irri-

- 1 gation Project, Arizona, performed under the authority of
- 2 the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C.
- 3 506), as amended, are in addition to the amount author-
- 4 ized in section 5 of said Act: Provided further, That section
- 5 301 of Public Law 102–250, Reclamation States Emer-
- 6 gency Drought Relief Act of 1991, is amended by inserting
- 7 "1996, and 1997" in lieu of "and 1996": Provided further,
- 8 That the amount authorized by section 210 of Public Law
- 9 100-557 (102 Stat. 2791), is amended to \$56,362,000
- 10 (October 1996 prices plus or minus cost indexing), and
- 11 funds are authorized to be appropriated through the
- 12 twelfth fiscal year after conservation funds are first made
- 13 available.
- 14 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
- 15 For operation and maintenance of reclamation
- 16 projects or parts thereof and other facilities, as authorized
- 17 by law; and for a soil and moisture conservation program
- 18 on lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclama-
- 19 tion, pursuant to law, \$280,876,000, to remain available
- 20 until expended: Provided, That of the total appropriated,
- 21 the amount for program activities which can be financed
- 22 by the reclamation fund shall be derived from that fund,
- 23 and the amount for program activities which can be de-
- 24 rived from the special fee account established pursuant to
- 25 the Act of December 22, 1987 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a, as
- 26 amended), may be derived from that fund: Provided fur-

- 1 ther, That funds advanced by water users for operation
- 2 and maintenance of reclamation projects or parts thereof
- 3 shall be deposited to the credit of this appropriation and
- 4 may be expended for the same purpose and in the same
- 5 manner as sums appropriated herein may be expended,
- 6 and such advances shall remain available until expended:
- 7 Provided further, That revenues in the Upper Colorado
- 8 River Basin Fund shall be available for performing exam-
- 9 ination of existing structures on participating projects of
- 10 the Colorado River Storage Project.
- 11 BUREAU OF RECLAMATION LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT
- For the cost of direct loans and/or grants,
- 13 \$12,290,000, to remain available until expended, as au-
- 14 thorized by the Small Reclamation Projects Act of August
- 15 6, 1956, as amended (43 U.S.C. 422a-422l): Provided,
- 16 That such costs, including the cost of modifying such
- 17 loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congres-
- 18 sional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these
- 19 funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the
- 20 principal amount of direct loans not to exceed
- 21 \$37,000,000.
- In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to
- 23 carry out the program for direct loans and/or grants,
- 24 \$425,000: Provided, That of the total sums appropriated,
- 25 the amount of program activities which can be financed
- 26 by the reclamation fund shall be derived from the fund.

- 1 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT RESTORATION FUND
- 2 For carrying out the programs, projects, plans, and
- 3 habitat restoration, improvement, and acquisition provi-
- 4 sions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, such
- 5 sums as may be collected in the Central Valley Project
- 6 Restoration Fund pursuant to sections 3407(d),
- 7 3404(c)(3), 3405(f) and 3406(c)(1) of Public Law 102-
- 8 575, to remain available until expended: Provided, That
- 9 the Bureau of Reclamation is directed to levy additional
- 10 mitigation and restoration payments totaling \$30,000,000
- 11 (October 1992 price levels) on a three-year rolling average
- 12 basis, as authorized by section 3407(d) of Public Law
- 13 102–575.
- 14 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
- 15 For necessary expenses of general administration and
- 16 related functions in the office of the Commissioner, the
- 17 Denver office, and offices in the five regions of the Bureau
- 18 of Reclamation, to remain available until expended,
- 19 \$48,971,000, to be derived from the reclamation fund and
- 20 to be nonreimbursable pursuant to the Act of April 19,
- 21 1945 (43 U.S.C. 377): *Provided*, That no part of any
- 22 other appropriation in this Act shall be available for activi-
- 23 ties or functions budgeted for the current fiscal year as
- 24 general administrative expenses.

| 1 | SPECIAL FUNDS |
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| 2 | (TRANSFER OF FUNDS) |
| 3 | Sums herein referred to as being derived from the |
| 4 | reclamation fund or special fee account are appropriated |
| 5 | from the special funds in the Treasury created by the Act |
| 6 | of June 17, 1902 (43 U.S.C. 391) or the Act of December |
| 7 | 22, 1987 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a, as amended), respectively. |
| 8 | Such sums shall be transferred, upon request of the Sec- |
| 9 | retary, to be merged with and expended under the heads |
| 10 | herein specified. |
| 11 | ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION |
| 12 | Appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation shall |
| 13 | be available for purchase of not to exceed 6 passenger |
| 14 | motor vehicles for replacement only. |
| 15 | TITLE III |
| 16 | DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY |
| 17 | Energy Programs |
| 18 | ENERGY SUPPLY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT |
| 19 | ACTIVITIES |
| 20 | For expenses of the Department of Energy activities |
| 21 | including the purchase, construction and acquisition of |
| 22 | plant and capital equipment and other expenses necessary |
| 23 | for energy supply, research and development activities in |
| 24 | carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy |
| 25 | Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), including the |
| 26 | acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any |

- 1 facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or
- 2 expansion; purchase of passenger motor vehicles (not to
- 3 exceed 24 for replacement only), \$2,749,043,000, to re-
- 4 main available until expended.
- 5 URANIUM SUPPLY AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
- 6 For expenses of the Department of Energy in connec-
- 7 tion with operating expenses; the purchase, construction,
- 8 and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other
- 9 expenses necessary for uranium supply and enrichment ac-
- 10 tivities in carrying out the purposes of the Department
- 11 of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.) and
- 12 the Energy Policy Act (Public Law 102–486, section 901),
- 13 including the acquisition or condemnation of any real
- 14 property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition,
- 15 construction, or expansion; purchase of electricity as nec-
- 16 essary; and the purchase of passenger motor vehicles (not
- 17 to exceed 3 for replacement only); \$42,200,000, to remain
- 18 available until expended: *Provided*, That revenues received
- 19 by the Department for uranium programs and estimated
- 20 to total \$42,200,000 in fiscal year 1997 shall be retained
- 21 and used for the specific purpose of offsetting costs in-
- 22 curred by the Department for such activities notwith-
- 23 standing the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3302(b) and 42
- 24 U.S.C. 2296(b)(2): Provided further, That the sum herein
- 25 appropriated shall be reduced as revenues are received
- 26 during fiscal year 1997 so as to result in a final fiscal

- year 1997 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at not more than \$0. 3 URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND 4 DECOMMISSIONING FUND 5 For necessary expenses in carrying out uranium enrichment facility decontamination and decommissioning, remedial actions and other activities of title II of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and title X, subtitle A of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, \$220,200,000, to be derived 10 from the Fund, to remain available until expended. 11 GENERAL SCIENCE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES 12 For expenses of the Department of Energy activities 13 including the purchase, construction and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses necessary for general science and research activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), including the acquisition 17 18 or condemnation of any real property or facility or for 19 plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, 20 \$1,000,626,000, to remain available until expended. 21 NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL FUND
- 22 For nuclear waste disposal activities to carry out the
- purposes of Public Law 97–425, as amended, including
- 24 the acquisition of real property or facility construction or
- expansion, \$200,028,000, to remain available until ex-
- 26 pended, to be derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund: Pro-

- 1 vided, That no later than June 30, 1998, the Secretary
- 2 shall provide to the President and to the Congress a viabil-
- 3 ity assessment of the Yucca Mountain site. The viability
- 4 assessment shall include:

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- 5 (1) the preliminary design concept for the criti-6 cal elements for the repository and waste package;
- 7 (2) a total system performance assessment, 8 based upon the design concept and the scientific 9 data and analysis available by June 30, 1998, de-10 scribing the probable behavior of the repository in 11 the Yucca Mountain geological setting relative to the
 - (3) a plan and cost estimate for the remaining work required to complete a license application; and

overall system performance standards;

(4) an estimate of the costs to construct and operate the repository in accordance with the design concept.

18 DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- For salaries and expenses of the Department of En-
- 20 ergy necessary for Departmental Administration in carry-
- 21 ing out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organi-
- 22 zation Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), including the hire
- 23 of passenger motor vehicles and official reception and rep-
- 24 resentation expenses (not to exceed \$35,000),
- 25 \$218,017,000, to remain available until expended, plus
- 26 such additional amounts as necessary to cover increases

- 1 in the estimated amount of cost of work for others not-
- 2 withstanding the provisions of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31)
- 3 U.S.C. 1511, et seq.): Provided, That such increases in
- 4 cost of work are offset by revenue increases of the same
- 5 or greater amount, to remain available until expended:
- 6 Provided further, That moneys received by the Department
- 7 for miscellaneous revenues estimated to total
- 8 \$125,388,000 in fiscal year 1997 may be retained and
- 9 used for operating expenses within this account, and may
- 10 remain available until expended, as authorized by section
- 11 201 of Public Law 95–238, notwithstanding the provisions
- 12 of 31 U.S.C. 3302: Provided further, That the sum herein
- 13 appropriated shall be reduced by the amount of mis-
- 14 cellaneous revenues received during fiscal year 1997 so as
- 15 to result in a final fiscal year 1997 appropriation from
- 16 the General Fund estimated at not more than
- 17 \$92,629,000.
- 18 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
- 19 For necessary expenses of the Office of the Inspector
- 20 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
- 21 General Act of 1978, as amended, \$23,103,000, to remain
- 22 available until expended.
- 23 ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES
- 24 WEAPONS ACTIVITIES
- 25 For Department of Energy expenses, including the
- 26 purchase, construction and acquisition of plant and capital

- 1 equipment and other expenses necessary for atomic energy
- 2 defense weapons activities in carrying out the purposes of
- 3 the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C.
- 4 7101, et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation
- 5 of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility
- 6 acquisition, construction, or expansion; and the purchase
- 7 of passenger motor vehicles (not to exceed 94 for replace-
- 8 ment only), \$3,978,602,000, to remain available until ex-
- 9 pended.
- 10 DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND WASTE
- 11 MANAGEMENT
- 12 For Department of Energy expenses, including the
- 13 purchase, construction and acquisition of plant and capital
- 14 equipment and other expenses necessary for atomic energy
- 15 defense environmental restoration and waste management
- 16 activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department
- 17 of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), in-
- 18 cluding the acquisition or condemnation of any real prop-
- 19 erty or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, con-
- 20 struction, or expansion; and the purchase of passenger
- 21 motor vehicles (not to exceed 20, of which 19 are for re-
- 22 placement only), \$5,615,210,000, to remain available until
- 23 expended: Provided, That an additional amount of
- 24 \$182,000,000 is available for privatization initiatives.

| 1 | OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES |
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| 2 | For Department of Energy expenses, including the |
| 3 | purchase, construction and acquisition of plant and capital |
| 4 | equipment and other expenses necessary for atomic energy |
| 5 | defense, other defense activities, in carrying out the pur- |
| 6 | poses of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 |
| 7 | U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), including the acquisition or con- |
| 8 | demnation of any real property or any facility or for plant |
| 9 | or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and the |
| 10 | purchase of passenger motor vehicles (not to exceed 2 for |
| 11 | replacement only), \$1,606,833,000, to remain available |
| 12 | until expended. |
| 13 | DEFENSE NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL |
| 14 | For nuclear waste disposal activities to carry out the |
| 15 | purposes of Public Law 97–425, as amended, including |
| 16 | the acquisition of real property or facility construction or |
| 17 | amangian \$200,000,000 to remain available until av |
| | expansion, \$200,000,000, to remain available until ex- |
| 18 | pended. |
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| | pended. |
| 19 | pended. Power Marketing Administrations |
| 19 20 | pended. Power Marketing Administrations OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ALASKA POWER |
| 19 20 21 | pended. Power Marketing Administrations OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION |

| 1 | BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION FUND |
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| 2 | Expenditures from the Bonneville Power Administra- |
| 3 | tion Fund, established pursuant to Public Law 93–454, |
| 4 | are approved for official reception and representation ex- |
| 5 | penses in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. |
| 6 | During fiscal year 1997, no new direct loan obliga- |
| 7 | tions may be made. |
| 8 | OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHEASTERN POWER |
| 9 | ADMINISTRATION |
| 10 | For necessary expenses of operation and maintenance |
| 11 | of power transmission facilities and of marketing electric |
| 12 | power and energy pursuant to the provisions of section |
| 13 | 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), as |
| 14 | applied to the southeastern power area, \$13,859,000, to |
| 15 | remain available until expended. |
| 16 | OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHWESTERN POWER |
| 17 | ADMINISTRATION |
| 18 | For necessary expenses of operation and maintenance |
| 19 | of power transmission facilities and of marketing electric |
| 20 | power and energy, and for construction and acquisition of |
| 21 | transmission lines, substations and appurtenant facilities, |
| 22 | and for administrative expenses, including official recep- |
| 23 | tion and representation expenses in an amount not to ex- |
| 24 | ceed \$1,500 in carrying out the provisions of section 5 |
| 25 | of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), as |
| 26 | applied to the southwestern power area, \$25,210,000, to |

- 1 remain available until expended; in addition, notwith-
- 2 standing the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3302, not to exceed
- 3 \$3,787,000 in reimbursements, to remain available until
- 4 expended.
- 5 CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OPERATION AND
- 6 MAINTENANCE, WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION
- 7 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
- 8 For carrying out the functions authorized by title III,
- 9 section 302(a)(1)(E) of the Act of August 4, 1977 (42)
- 10 U.S.C. 7101, et seq.), and other related activities includ-
- 11 ing conservation and renewable resources programs as au-
- 12 thorized, including official reception and representation
- 13 expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,
- 14 \$201,582,000, to remain available until expended, of
- 15 which \$172,378,000 shall be derived from the Department
- 16 of the Interior Reclamation Fund: Provided, That of the
- 17 amount herein appropriated, \$5,432,000 is for deposit
- 18 into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation
- 19 Account pursuant to title IV of the Reclamation Projects
- 20 Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992: Provided fur-
- 21 ther, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to
- 22 transfer from the Colorado River Dam Fund to the West-
- 23 ern Area Power Administration \$3,774,000 to carry out
- 24 the power marketing and transmission activities of the
- 25 Boulder Canyon project as provided in section 104(a)(4)

- 1 of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984, to remain avail-
- 2 able until expended.
- 3 FALCON AND AMISTAD OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE
- 4 FUND
- 5 For operation, maintenance, and emergency costs for
- 6 the hydroelectric facilities at the Falcon and Amistad
- 7 Dams, \$970,000, to remain available until expended, and
- 8 to be derived from the Falcon and Amistad Operating and
- 9 Maintenance Fund of the Western Area Power Adminis-
- 10 tration, as provided in section 423 of the Foreign Rela-
- 11 tions Authorization Act, fiscal years 1994 and 1995.
- 12 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- 13 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
- 14 For necessary expenses of the Federal Energy Regu-
- 15 latory Commission to carry out the provisions of the De-
- 16 partment of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101,
- 17 et seq.), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C.
- 18 3109, the hire of passenger motor vehicles, and official
- 19 reception and representation expenses (not to exceed
- 20 \$3,000), \$146,290,000, to remain available until ex-
- 21 pended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provi-
- 22 sion of law, not to exceed \$146,290,000 of revenues from
- 23 fees and annual charges, and other services and collections
- 24 in fiscal year 1997 shall be retained and used for nec-
- 25 essary expenses in this account, and shall remain available
- 26 until expended: Provided further, That the sum herein ap-

| 1 | propriated shall be reduced as revenues are received dur- |
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| 2 | ing fiscal year 1997 so as to result in a final fiscal year |
| 3 | 1997 appropriation from the General Fund estimated at |
| 4 | not more than \$0. |
| 5 | TITLE IV |
| 6 | INDEPENDENT AGENCIES |
| 7 | APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION |
| 8 | For expenses necessary to carry out the programs au- |
| 9 | thorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of |
| 10 | 1965, as amended, notwithstanding section 405 of said |
| 11 | Act, and for necessary expenses for the Federal Co-Chair- |
| 12 | man and the alternate on the Appalachian Regional Com- |
| 13 | mission and for payment of the Federal share of the ad- |
| 14 | ministrative expenses of the Commission, including serv- |
| 15 | ices as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, and hire of passenger |
| 16 | motor vehicles, \$165,000,000, to remain available until ex- |
| 17 | pended. |
| 18 | Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board |
| 19 | SALARIES AND EXPENSES |
| 20 | For necessary expenses of the Defense Nuclear Fa- |
| 21 | cilities Safety Board in carrying out activities authorized |
| 22 | by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by Public |
| 23 | Law 100–456, section 1441, \$17,000,000, to remain |
| 24 | available until expended. |

| 1 | Delaware River Basin Commission |
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| 2 | CONTRIBUTION TO DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION |
| 3 | For payment of the United States share of the cur- |
| 4 | rent expenses of the Delaware River Basin Commission, |
| 5 | as authorized by law (75 Stat. 706, 707), \$500,000. |
| 6 | Interstate Commission on the Potomac River |
| 7 | Basin |
| 8 | CONTRIBUTION TO INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE |
| 9 | POTOMAC RIVER BASIN |
| 10 | To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay in |
| 11 | advance to the Interstate Commission on the Potomac |
| 12 | River Basin the Federal contribution toward the expenses |
| 13 | of the Commission during the current fiscal year in the |
| 14 | administration of its business in the conservancy district |
| 15 | established pursuant to the Act of July 11, 1940 (54 Stat. |
| 16 | 748), as amended by the Act of September 25, 1970 (Pub- |
| 17 | lic Law 91–407), \$508,000. |
| 18 | Nuclear Regulatory Commission |
| 19 | SALARIES AND EXPENSES |
| 20 | (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS) |
| 21 | For necessary expenses of the Commission in carry- |
| 22 | ing out the purposes of the Energy Reorganization Act |
| 23 | of 1974, as amended, and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, |
| 24 | as amended, including the employment of aliens; services |
| 25 | authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109; publication and dissemina- |
| 26 | tion of atomic information; purchase, repair, and cleaning |

- 1 of uniforms; official representation expenses (not to exceed
- 2 \$20,000); reimbursements to the General Services Admin-
- 3 istration for security guard services; hire of passenger
- 4 motor vehicles and aircraft, \$471,800,000, to remain
- 5 available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amount ap-
- 6 propriated herein, \$11,000,000 shall be derived from the
- 7 Nuclear Waste Fund, subject to the authorization required
- 8 in this bill under the heading, "Nuclear Waste Disposal
- 9 Fund": Provided further, That from this appropriation,
- 10 transfer of sums may be made to other agencies of the
- 11 Government for the performance of the work for which
- 12 this appropriation is made, and in such cases the sums
- 13 so transferred may be merged with the appropriation to
- 14 which transferred: Provided further, That moneys received
- 15 by the Commission for the cooperative nuclear safety re-
- 16 search program, services rendered to foreign governments
- 17 and international organizations, and the material and in-
- 18 formation access authorization programs, including crimi-
- 19 nal history checks under section 149 of the Atomic Energy
- 20 Act may be retained and used for salaries and expenses
- 21 associated with those activities, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C.
- 22 3302, and shall remain available until expended: Provided
- 23 further, That revenues from licensing fees, inspection serv-
- 24 ices, and other services and collections estimated at
- 25 \$457,300,000 in fiscal year 1997 shall be retained and

- 1 used for necessary salaries and expenses in this account,
- 2 notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, and shall remain avail-
- 3 able until expended: Provided further, That the funds here-
- 4 in appropriated for regulatory reviews and other activities
- 5 pertaining to waste stored at the Hanford site, Washing-
- 6 ton, shall be excluded from license fee revenues, notwith-
- 7 standing 42 U.S.C. 2214: Provided further, That the sum
- 8 herein appropriated shall be reduced by the amount of rev-
- 9 enues received during fiscal year 1997 from licensing fees,
- 10 inspection services and other services and collections, ex-
- 11 cluding those moneys received for the cooperative nuclear
- 12 safety research program, services rendered to foreign gov-
- 13 ernments and international organizations, and the mate-
- 14 rial and information access authorization programs, so as
- 15 to result in a final fiscal year 1997 appropriation esti-
- 16 mated at not more than \$14,500,000.
- 17 Office of Inspector General
- 18 (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)
- For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector
- 20 General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector
- 21 General Act of 1978, as amended, including services au-
- 22 thorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$5,000,000, to remain avail-
- 23 able until expended; and in addition, an amount not to
- 24 exceed 5 percent of this sum may be transferred from Sal-
- 25 aries and Expenses, Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Pro-

- 1 vided, That notice of such transfers shall be given to the
- 2 Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate:
- 3 Provided further, That from this appropriation, transfers
- 4 of sums may be made to other agencies of the Government
- 5 for the performance of the work for which this appropria-
- 6 tion is made, and in such cases the sums so transferred
- 7 may be merged with the appropriation to which trans-
- 8 ferred: Provided further, That revenues from licensing
- 9 fees, inspection services, and other services and collections
- 10 shall be retained and used for necessary salaries and ex-
- 11 penses in this account, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302,
- 12 and shall remain available until expended: Provided fur-
- 13 ther, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced
- 14 by the amount of revenues received during fiscal year
- 15 1997 from licensing fees, inspection services, and other
- 16 services and collections, so as to result in a final fiscal
- 17 year 1997 appropriation estimated at not more than \$0.
- 18 Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board
- 19 SALARIES AND EXPENSES
- For necessary expenses of the Nuclear Waste Tech-
- 21 nical Review Board, as authorized by Public Law 100-
- 22 203, section 5051, \$2,531,000, to be transferred from the
- 23 Nuclear Waste Fund and to remain available until ex-
- 24 pended.

| 1 | Susquehanna River Basin Commission |
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| 2 | CONTRIBUTION TO SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN |
| 3 | COMMISSION |
| 4 | For payment of the United States share of the cur- |
| 5 | rent expenses of the Susquehanna River Basin Commis- |
| 6 | sion, as authorized by law (84 Stat. 1530, 1531) |
| 7 | \$300,000. |
| 8 | TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY |
| 9 | For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the |
| 10 | Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended (16 |
| 11 | U.S.C. ch. 12A), including hire, maintenance, and oper- |
| 12 | ation of aircraft, and purchase and hire of passenger |
| 13 | motor vehicles, \$113,000,000, to remain available until ex- |
| 14 | pended: Provided, That of the funds provided herein, not |
| 15 | more than \$20,000,000 shall be made available for the |
| 16 | Environmental Research Center in Muscle Shoals, Ala- |
| 17 | bama: Provided further, That of the funds provided herein |
| 18 | not more than \$8,000,000 shall be made available for op- |
| 19 | eration, maintenance, improvement, and surveillance of |
| 20 | Land Between the Lakes: Provided further, That of the |
| 21 | amount provided herein, not more than \$9,000,000 shall |
| 22 | be available for Economic Development activities: Pro- |
| 23 | vided further, That none of the funds provided herein |
| 24 | shall be available for detailed engineering and design or |

- 1 constructing a replacement for Chickamauga Lock and
- 2 Dam on the Tennessee River System.
- 3 TITLE V
- 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS
- 5 Sec. 501. (a) Purchase of American-Made Equip-
- 6 MENT AND PRODUCTS.—It is the sense of the Congress
- 7 that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and
- 8 products purchased with funds made available in this Act
- 9 should be American-made.
- 10 (b) Notice Requirement.—In providing financial as-
- 11 sistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity
- 12 using funds made available in this Act, the head of each
- 13 Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall
- 14 provide to such entity a notice describing the statement
- 15 made in subsection (a) by the Congress.
- 16 Sec. 502. The Secretary of the Interior shall extend
- 17 the construction repayment and water service contracts
- 18 for the following projects, entered into by the Secretary
- 19 of the Interior under subsections (d) and (e) of section
- 20 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C.
- 21 485h) and section 9(c) of the Act of December 22, 1944
- 22 (58 Stat. 891, chapter 665), for a period of 1 additional
- 23 year after the dates on which each of the contracts, respec-
- 24 tively, would expire but for this section:

- 1 (1) The Bostwick District (Kansas portion),
 2 Missouri River Basin Project, consisting of the
 3 project constructed and operated under the Act of
 4 December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665), as
 5 a component of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Pro6 gram, situated in Republic County, Jewell County,
 7 and Cloud County, Kansas.
 - (2) The Bostwick District (Nebraska portion),
 Missouri River Basin Project, consisting of the
 project constructed and operated under the Act of
 December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665), as
 a component of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, situated in Harlan County, Franklin County,
 Webster County, and Nuckolls County, Nebraska.
- 15 (3) The Frenchman-Cambridge District, Mis-16 souri River Basin Project, consisting of the project 17 constructed and operated under the Act of December 18 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665), as a compo-19 nent of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, sit-20 uated in Chase County, Frontier County, Hitchcock 21 County, Furnas County, and Harlan County, Ne-22 braska.
- SEC. 503. Notwithstanding the provisions of 31 U.S.C., funds made available by this Act to the Department of Energy shall be available only for the purposes

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- 1 for which they have been made available by this Act and
- 2 only in accordance with the recommendations contained
- 3 in this report.
- 4 Sec. 504. Following section 4(g)(3) of the Northwest
- 5 Power Planning and Conservation Act, insert the following
- 6 new section:
- 7 "(4)(g)(4) Independent Scientific Review
- 8 Panel.—(i) The Northwest Power Planning Council
- 9 (Council) shall appoint an Independent Scientific Review
- 10 Panel (Panel), which shall be comprised of five members,
- 11 to review projects proposed to be funded through that por-
- 12 tion of the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) an-
- 13 nual fish and wildlife budget that implements the Coun-
- 14 cil's annual fish and wildlife program. Members shall be
- 15 appointed from a list submitted by the National Academy
- 16 of Sciences, provided that Pacific Northwest scientists
- 17 with expertise in Columbia river anadramous and non-
- 18 anadramous fish and wildlife and ocean experts shall be
- 19 represented on the Panel. The Council shall appoint mem-
- 20 bers to the Panel that do not have a financial interest in
- 21 the projects to be reviewed, other than any compensation
- 22 that may be provided for performing its functions on the
- 23 Panel. Panel employees may be compensated and shall be
- 24 considered as special government employees subject to 45
- 25 CFR 684.10 through 684.22.

- 1 "(ii) The Panel shall review projects proposed to be
- 2 funded through BPA's annual fish and wildlife budget and
- 3 make recommendations on matters related to each project
- 4 to the Council. Project recommendations shall be based
- 5 on a determination that each project: is based on sound
- 6 science principles; benefits fish and wildlife; has a clearly
- 7 defined objective and outcome with provisions for monitor-
- 8 ing and evaluation of results; and employs cost effective
- 9 measures to achieve its objective. The Panel shall review,
- 10 on an annual basis, prior year expenditures based upon
- 11 these criteria and submit its findings to the Council for
- 12 its review.
- 13 "(iii) The Council shall fully consider the findings of
- 14 the Panel when making its final recommendations for
- 15 projects to be funded through BPA's annual fish and wild-
- 16 life budget, and if the Council does not incorporate a rec-
- 17 ommendation of the Panel, the Council shall explain in
- 18 writing its reasons for not accepting the Panel's rec-
- 19 ommendations. The Council shall also take into consider-
- 20 ation the impact of ocean conditions on fish and wildlife
- 21 populations in making its recommendations to the BPA.
- 22 The Council, after consideration of the recommendations
- 23 of the Panel and other entities, shall be responsible for
- 24 making the final recommendations of projects to be funded
- 25 through BPA's annual fish and wildlife budget.".

- 1 This Act may be cited as the "Energy and Water De-
- 2 velopment Appropriations Act, 1997".