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# H. R. 1183

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1997

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

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## 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. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period  
5       specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16  
6       U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy  
7       Regulatory Commission project numbered 4586 (Swamp  
8       Creek) and project numbered 4587 (Ruth Creek), the

1 Commission may, upon the request of the project licensee,  
2 in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and pub-  
3 lic interest requirements of that section and the Commis-  
4 sion's procedures under that section, extend the time pe-  
5 riod during which the licensee is required to commence  
6 construction of the project for not more than 2 consecutive  
7 2-year periods.

8 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The extension under subsection  
9 (a) shall take effect for a project upon the expiration of  
10 the extension, issued by the Commission under section 13  
11 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806), of the period  
12 required for commencement of construction of the project.

13 (c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the  
14 license for a project referred to in subsection (a) has ex-  
15 pired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
16 mission shall reinstate the license effective as of the date  
17 of its expiration and extend the time required for com-  
18 mencement of construction of the project as provided in  
19 subsection (a) for not more than 2 consecutive 2-year peri-  
20 ods, the first of which shall commence on the date of such  
21 expiration.

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