

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

1 that there are extraordinary circumstances that war-
2 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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