

Union Calendar No. 117

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2274

[Report No. 115–173]

To amend the Federal Power Act to provide for extended periods relating to preliminary permits and commencement of construction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2017

Mr. PETERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

JUNE 12, 2017

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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. 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

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

17 “(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit
18 once for not more than four additional years beyond
19 the four years”;

20 (B) by striking the period at the end and
21 inserting “; and”; and

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

23 “(2) if the period of a preliminary permit is ex-
24 tended under paragraph (1), extend the period of
25 such preliminary permit once for not more than four

1 additional years beyond the extension period granted
2 under paragraph (1), if the Commission determines
3 that there are extraordinary circumstances that war-
4 rant such additional extension.”.

5 (b) TIME LIMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT
6 WORKS.—Section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
7 806) is amended in the second sentence by striking “once
8 but not longer than two additional years” and inserting
9 “for not more than eight additional years,”.

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