

Union Calendar No. 120

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2457

[Report No. 115-176]

To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2017

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

JUNE 12, 2017

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2017]

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 “J. Bennett Johnston Wa-*
5 *terway Hydropower Extension Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding the time period*
8 *specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.*
9 *806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regu-*
10 *latory Commission project numbers 12756, 12757, and*
11 *12758, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee*
12 *for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in*
13 *accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public*
14 *interest requirements of that section and the Commission’s*
15 *procedures under that section, extend the time period dur-*
16 *ing which such licensee is required to commence the con-*
17 *struction of its applicable project for up to 3 consecutive*
18 *2-year periods from the date of the expiration of any exten-*
19 *sion issued by the Commission under that section for such*
20 *project.*

21 (b) *OBLIGATION FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL*
22 *CHARGES.*—*Any obligation of a licensee for a project de-*
23 *scribed in subsection (a) for the payment of annual charges*
24 *under section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.*

1 803(e)) shall commence when the construction of the project
2 commences.

3 (c) *REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE; EFFECTIVE DATE*
4 *FOR EXTENSION.*—

5 (1) *REINSTATEMENT.*—*If the time period re-*
6 *quired for commencement of construction of a project*
7 *described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the*
8 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission*
9 *may reinstate the license for such project, effective as*
10 *of the date of the expiration of the license.*

11 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE FOR EXTENSION.*—*If the*
12 *Commission reinstates a license under paragraph (1)*
13 *for a project, the first extension authorized under sub-*
14 *section (a) with respect to such project shall take effect*
15 *on the effective date of such reinstatement under*
16 *paragraph (1).*

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