

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 724

To amend the Federal Power Act to modernize authorizations for necessary hydropower approvals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2017

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. MODERNIZING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR NEC-**
4 **ESSARY HYDROPOWER APPROVALS.**

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 “4”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

6 “(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit
 7 once for not more than 4 additional years beyond
 8 the 4 years”;

9 (B) by striking the period at the end and
 10 inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(2) after the end of an extension period grant-
 13 ed under paragraph (1), issue an additional permit
 14 to the permittee if the Commission determines that
 15 there are extraordinary circumstances that warrant
 16 the issuance of the additional permit.”.

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

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