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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE 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. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN HY-**
4 **DROELECTRIC PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period
6 specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16
7 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal En-
8 ergy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section
9 as the “Commission”) projects numbered 12737 and
10 12740, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee

1 for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in
2 accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public
3 interest requirements of that section and the procedures
4 of the Commission under that section, extend the time pe-
5 riod during which the licensee is required to commence
6 the construction of the applicable project for up to 3 con-
7 secutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of
8 the extension originally issued by the Commission.

9 (b) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the
10 period required for commencement of construction of a
11 project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the
12 date of enactment of this Act—

13 (1) the Commission may reinstate the license
14 for the applicable project effective as of the date of
15 the expiration of the license; and

16 (2) the first extension authorized under sub-
17 section (a) shall take effect on that expiration.

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