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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 Reli-
5 censing Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL RELICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

2 Section 15 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 808)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(g)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of en-
5 actment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, the
6 Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the sta-
7 tus of the licensing process for each new license for which
8 an existing licensee has notified the Commission under
9 subsection (b)(1) at least 3 years prior to submission of
10 the report that such licensee intends to file an application
11 for such new license, but such new license has not yet been
12 issued under this section.

13 “(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1)
14 shall include, with respect to the licensing process for each
15 new license described in such paragraph—

16 “(A) the date notice was provided to the Com-
17 mission under subsection (b)(1);

18 “(B) any docket number assigned with respect
19 to such licensing process;

20 “(C) whether any application for a new license
21 has been filed;

22 “(D) information regarding the status of any
23 such application, including the date the Commission
24 anticipates it will issue the new license;

25 “(E) any upcoming proceeding or other meeting
26 related to such new license; and

1 “(F) any ongoing or completed actions required
2 of the Commission, the fish and wildlife agencies re-
3 ferred to in subsection (b) of this section, and any
4 other agencies.”.