

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2457

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## AN ACT

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “J. Bennett Johnston  
3 Waterway Hydropower Extension Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION.**

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 Federal Energy  
8 Regulatory Commission project numbers 12756, 12757,  
9 and 12758, the Commission may, at the request of the  
10 licensee for the applicable project, and after reasonable no-  
11 tice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and  
12 public interest requirements of that section and the Com-  
13 mission’s procedures under that section, extend the time  
14 period during which such licensee is required to commence  
15 the construction of its applicable project for up to 3 con-  
16 secutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of  
17 any extension issued by the Commission under that sec-  
18 tion for such project.

19 (b) **OBLIGATION FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL**  
20 **CHARGES.**—Any obligation of a licensee for a project de-  
21 scribed in subsection (a) for the payment of annual  
22 charges under section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (16  
23 U.S.C. 803(e)) shall commence when the construction of  
24 the project commences.

25 (c) **REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE; EFFECTIVE DATE**  
26 **FOR EXTENSION.**—

1           (1) REINSTATEMENT.—If the time period re-  
2           quired for commencement of construction of a  
3           project described in subsection (a) has expired prior  
4           to the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
5           mission may reinstate the license for such project,  
6           effective as of the date of the expiration of the li-  
7           cense.

8           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE FOR EXTENSION.—If the  
9           Commission reinstates a license under paragraph (1)  
10          for a project, the first extension authorized under  
11          subsection (a) with respect to such project shall take  
12          effect on the effective date of such reinstatement  
13          under paragraph (1).

Passed the House of Representatives June 12, 2017.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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