

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2274

To amend the Federal Power Act to provide for extended periods relating to preliminary permits and commencement of construction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2017

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

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 Permit
5 Extension Act” or the “HYPE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSIONS OF PERIODS.**

7 (a) PRELIMINARY PERMITS.—Section 5 of the Fed-
8 eral Power Act (16 U.S.C. 798) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “three” and
2 inserting “four”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

9 “(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit
10 once for not more than four additional years beyond
11 the four years”;

12 (B) by striking the period at the end and
13 inserting “; and”; and

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

15 “(2) if the period of a preliminary permit is ex-
16 tended under paragraph (1), extend the period of
17 such preliminary permit once for not more than four
18 additional years beyond the extension period granted
19 under paragraph (1), if the Commission determines
20 that there are extraordinary circumstances that war-
21 rant such additional extension.”.

22 (b) TIME LIMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT
23 WORKS.—Section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
24 806) is amended in the second sentence by striking “once

- 1 but not longer than two additional years” and inserting
- 2 “for not more than eight additional years,”.

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