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# S. 723

To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2017

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 HYDRO-**  
4 **ELECTRIC PROJECT.**

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 project numbered 12642, the  
9 Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the  
10 project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with

1 the good faith, due diligence, and public interest require-  
2 ments of that section and the procedures of the Commis-  
3 sion under that section, extend the time period during  
4 which the licensee is required to commence the construc-  
5 tion of the project for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods  
6 from the date of the expiration of the extension originally  
7 issued by the Commission.

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

12 (1) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
13 may reinstate the license effective as of the date of  
14 the expiration of the license; and

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

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