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[Report No. 119-]

To make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley
Conduit in the State of Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2025

Ms. BOEBERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

JULY --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 3, 2025]

A BILL

To make certain modifications to the repayment for the
Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado.

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 “Finish the Arkansas Val-*
5 *ley Conduit Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT, COLORADO.**

7 *Public Law 87–590 (76 Stat. 389; 123 Stat. 1320) is*
8 *amended—*

9 *(1) in the first section—*

10 *(A) in subsection (c), in the second sentence,*
11 *by striking “or in the case of the Arkansas Val-*
12 *ley Conduit, payment in an amount equal to 35*
13 *percent of the cost of the conduit that is com-*
14 *prised of revenue generated by payments pursu-*
15 *ant to a repayment contract and revenue that*
16 *may be derived from contracts for the use of*
17 *Fryingpan-Arkansas project excess capacity or*
18 *exchange contracts using Fryingpan-Arkansas*
19 *project facilities,”; and*

20 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

21 *“(d) ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT.—*

22 *“(1) REPAYMENT CONTRACT.—To provide domes-*
23 *tic water supplies to communities and households that*
24 *do not have reliable access to domestic water supplies,*
25 *the contract for the Arkansas Valley Conduit shall*

1 *provide for payment in an amount equal to 35 per-*
2 *cent of the cost of the conduit, notwithstanding the*
3 *reclamation laws or any other provision of this Act.*

4 *The contract payments shall consist of—*

5 *“(A) funding provided during construction*
6 *from any entity other than the Secretary; and*

7 *“(B) based on a demonstration of financial*
8 *hardship, as determined by the Secretary, repay-*
9 *ment of the balance not covered under subpara-*
10 *graph (A) for a period of not more than 75 years*
11 *with simple interest at a rate that is equal to 50*
12 *percent of the interest rate determined by the*
13 *Secretary of the Treasury under section 2(c), in-*
14 *cluding revenue derived from contracts for the*
15 *use of excess capacity or exchange contracts*
16 *using Fryingpan-Arkansas project facilities.*

17 *“(2) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.—The con-*
18 *tract for the Arkansas Valley Conduit shall provide*
19 *for the assumption by the contracting parties of the*
20 *care, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the*
21 *conduit.”; and*

22 *(2) in section 2(b)(3)(A), by striking “this sec-*
23 *tion” and inserting “subsection (d) of the first sec-*
24 *tion”.*