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[Report No. 119-]

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

MAY 29, 2025

Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. FULCHER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 29, 2025]

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 Licensing*
5 *Transparency Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL LICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

7 *The Federal Power Act is amended by inserting after*
8 *section 36 (16 U.S.C. 823g) the following:*

9 **“SEC. 37. ANNUAL LICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

10 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*
11 *date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter,*
12 *the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the*
13 *status of—*

14 *“(1) the licensing process for each new license,*
15 *and for each subsequent license for which sections 14*
16 *and 15 have been waived, for which the existing li-*
17 *icensee has notified the Commission under section*
18 *15(b)(1) at least 3 years prior to submission of the re-*
19 *port that such existing licensee intends to file an ap-*
20 *plication for such new license or subsequent license,*
21 *but such new license or subsequent license has not yet*
22 *been issued under section 15; and*

23 *“(2) the licensing process for each original li-*
24 *cense under section 4(e) for which a citizen, associa-*
25 *tion, corporation, State, Indian Tribe, or munici-*

1 *pality has notified the Commission, pursuant to ap-*
2 *plicable regulations, at least 3 years prior to submis-*
3 *sion of the report that such citizen, association, cor-*
4 *poration, State, Indian Tribe, or municipality in-*
5 *tends to file an application for such original license,*
6 *but such original license has not yet been issued*
7 *under section 4(e).*

8 *“(b) INCLUSIONS.—Each report submitted under sub-*
9 *section (a) shall include, with respect to the licensing proc-*
10 *ess for each new license and subsequent license described in*
11 *such subsection and the licensing process for each original*
12 *license described in such subsection—*

13 *“(1) the date the notice of intent described in*
14 *such subsection was provided to the Commission;*

15 *“(2) any docket number assigned with respect to*
16 *such licensing process;*

17 *“(3) whether any application for such new li-*
18 *cense, such subsequent license, or such original license*
19 *has been filed;*

20 *“(4) information regarding the status of any*
21 *such application, including the date the Commission*
22 *anticipates it will issue such original license, such*
23 *subsequent license, or such new license;*

1 “(5) the date of any upcoming proceeding or
2 other meeting related to such original license, such
3 subsequent license, or such new license; and

4 “(6) a description of any ongoing or completed
5 actions required of the existing licensee, citizen, asso-
6 ciation, corporation, State, Indian Tribe, municipi-
7 pality, the Commission, the fish and wildlife agencies
8 referred to in section 15(b), and any other agencies.

9 “(c) *DISAGGREGATION OF INFORMATION BY LICENSE*
10 *TYPE.*—The information included in each report submitted
11 under subsection (a) shall be disaggregated by whether the
12 information relates to a new license, or a subsequent license,
13 issued under section 15 or an original license issued under
14 section 4(e).”.