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[Report No. 115-]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2017

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

JUNE --, 2017

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 16, 2017]

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “J. Bennett Johnston Wa-*
5 *terway Hydropower Extension Act of 2017”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding the time period*
8 *specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.*
9 *806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regu-*
10 *latory Commission project numbers 12756, 12757, and*
11 *12758, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee*
12 *for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in*
13 *accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public*
14 *interest requirements of that section and the Commission’s*
15 *procedures under that section, extend the time period dur-*
16 *ing which such licensee is required to commence the con-*
17 *struction of its applicable project for up to 3 consecutive*
18 *2-year periods from the date of the expiration of any exten-*
19 *sion issued by the Commission under that section for such*
20 *project.*

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

1 803(e)) shall commence when the construction of the project
2 commences.

3 (c) *REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE; EFFECTIVE DATE*
4 *FOR EXTENSION.*—

5 (1) *REINSTATEMENT.*—*If the time period re-*
6 *quired for commencement of construction of a project*
7 *described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the*
8 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission*
9 *may reinstate the license for such project, effective as*
10 *of the date of the expiration of the license.*

11 (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE FOR EXTENSION.*—*If the*
12 *Commission reinstates a license under paragraph (1)*
13 *for a project, the first extension authorized under sub-*
14 *section (a) with respect to such project shall take effect*
15 *on the effective date of such reinstatement under*
16 *paragraph (1).*