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To reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut 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 “Collinsville Renewable
5 Energy Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSES AND EX-**
7 **TENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE CON-**
8 **STRUCTION OF PROJECTS.**

9 Subject to section 4 of this Act and notwithstanding
10 the time period under section 13 of the Federal Power

1 Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal
2 Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 10822
3 and 10823, the Commission may—

4 (1) reinstate the license for either or each of
5 those projects; and

6 (2) extend for 2 years after the date on which
7 either or each project is reinstated under paragraph
8 (1) the time period during which the licensee is re-
9 quired to commence the construction of such
10 projects.

11 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LICENSES TO THE TOWN OF CANTON,**
12 **CONNECTICUT.**

13 Notwithstanding section 8 of the Federal Power Act
14 (16 U.S.C. 801) or any other provision thereof, if the
15 Commission reinstates the license for, and extends the
16 time period during which the licensee is required to com-
17 mence the construction of, a Federal Regulatory Commis-
18 sion project under section 2, the Commission shall trans-
19 fer such license to the town of Canton, Connecticut.

20 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.**

21 (a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
22 term “environmental assessment” shall have the same
23 meaning as is given such term in regulations prescribed
24 by the Council on Environmental Quality that implement

1 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
2 4321 et seq.).

3 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.—Not later than
4 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Fed-
5 eral Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this
6 Act as the “Commission”) shall complete an environ-
7 mental assessment for Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
8 mission projects numbered 10822 and 10823, updating,
9 to the extent necessary, the environmental analysis per-
10 formed during the process of licensing such projects.

11 (c) COMMENT PERIOD.—Upon issuance of the envi-
12 ronmental assessment required under subsection (b), the
13 Commission shall—

14 (1) initiate a 30-day public comment period;

15 and

16 (2) before taking any action under section 2 or

17 3—

18 (A) consider any comments received during
19 such 30-day period; and

20 (B) incorporate in the license for the
21 projects involved, such terms and conditions as
22 the Commission determines to be necessary,
23 based on the environmental assessment per-
24 formed and comments received under this sec-
25 tion.

1 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE.**

2 Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Commission shall—

4 (1) make a final decision pursuant to para-
5 graph (1) of section 2; and

6 (2) if the Commission decides to reinstate 1 or
7 both of the licenses under such paragraph and ex-
8 tend the corresponding deadline for commencement
9 of construction under paragraph (2) of such section,
10 complete the action required under section 3.

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