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# H. R. 4389

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2000

Mr. SCHAFFER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4       In this Act:

5               (1) CONTRACT.—The term “contract” means  
6       the contract between the United States and the  
7       Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District pro-  
8       viding for the construction of the Colorado-Big  
9       Thompson Project, dated July 5, 1938 (including  
10      any amendments and supplements).

1           (2) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the  
2 Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

3           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5           (4) TRANSFERRED SINGLE-PURPOSE WATER  
6 DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.—The term “transferred  
7 single-purpose water distribution facilities” means  
8 the North Poudre Supply Canal and Diversion  
9 Works, also known as the Munroe Gravity Canal,  
10 the Charles Hansen (Supply) Canal and Windsor  
11 Extension and the Dixon Feeder Canal, all of which  
12 are facilities of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project  
13 located in Larimer County, Colorado.

14 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF TRANSFERRED SINGLE-PURPOSE**  
15 **WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.**

16           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, as soon as  
17 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act and  
18 in accordance with all applicable law, convey all right, title,  
19 and interest in and to the transferred single-purpose water  
20 distribution facilities to the District.

21           (b) SALE PRICE.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept  
23 from the District \$2,198,406 as consideration for  
24 the conveyance of the transferred single-purpose  
25 water distribution facilities under subsection (a).

1           (2) NO EFFECT ON OBLIGATIONS AND  
2 RIGHTS.—Except as expressly provided in this Act,  
3 nothing in this Act affects or modifies the obliga-  
4 tions and rights of the District under the contract.

5           (3) PAYMENTS.—Except as provided in sub-  
6 section (c), the District shall continue to make such  
7 payments as are required under the contract.

8           (c) CREDIT TOWARD PROJECT REPAYMENT.—On  
9 payment by the District of the amount authorized to be  
10 accepted under subsection (b)(1), the amount paid shall  
11 be credited toward repayment of capital costs of the Colo-  
12 rado-Big Thompson Project in an amount equal to the as-  
13 sociated undiscounted obligation for repayment of the cap-  
14 ital costs.

15 **SEC. 3. LIABILITY.**

16           Except as otherwise provided by law, effective on the  
17 date of conveyance of the transferred single-purpose water  
18 distribution facilities under this Act, the United States  
19 shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising out  
20 of any act, omission, or occurrence based on any prior  
21 ownership or operation by the United States of the con-  
22 veyed property.

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