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To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY**
4 **REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the time period
6 specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16
7 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal En-
8 ergy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 6901,
9 6902, and 7307, the Commission may, at the request of

1 the licensee for each project, respectively, and after rea-
 2 sonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due dili-
 3 gence, and public interest requirements of that section and
 4 the Commission's procedures under that section, extend
 5 the time period during which the licensee is required to
 6 commence the construction of the project for 3 consecutive
 7 2-year periods.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) takes effect
 9 on the date of the expiration of the extension issued by
 10 the Commission before the date of enactment of this Act
 11 under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.
 12 806).

13 (c) REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.—If the
 14 period required for commencement of construction of any
 15 of the projects described in subsection (a) expired before
 16 the date of enactment of this Act—

17 (1) the Commission shall reinstate the license
 18 effective as of the date of its expiration; and

19 (2) the first extension authorized under sub-
 20 section (a) shall take effect on the expiration date.

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