TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF
CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALDEN, from the Committee on Energy and Commerce,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 951]

The Committee on Energy and Commerce, to whom was referred
the bill (H.R. 951) to extend the deadline for commencement of con-
struction of a hydroelectric project, having considered the same, re-
port favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that
the bill do pass.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H.R. 951 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
mission (FERC) to extend the time period during which the li-
censee is required to commence the construction of Commission
project number 12642 for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods.
The Committee on Energy and Commerce has not held hearings on the legislation.

On June 7, 2017, the full Committee on Energy and Commerce met in open markup session and ordered H.R. 951, without amendment, favorably reported to the House by unanimous consent.

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII requires the Committee to list the record votes on the motion to report legislation and amendments thereto. There were no record votes taken in connection with ordering H.R. 951 reported.

Pursuant to clause 3(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII, the Committee has not held hearings on this legislation.

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII, the Committee finds that H.R. 951 would result in no new or increased budget authority, entitlement authority, or tax expenditures or revenues.

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII, at the time this report was filed, the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was not available.

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this legislation is to authorize the FERC to extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of Commission project number 12642 for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods.

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII, no provision of H.R. 951 is known to be duplicative of another Federal program, including any program that was included in a report to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII, the Committee adopts as its own the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional...
Budget Act of 1974. At the time this report was filed, the estimate was not available.

EARMARK, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Pursuant to clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI, the Committee finds that H.R. 951 contains no earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTED RULE MAKINGS

Pursuant to section 3(i) of H.Res. 5, the Committee finds that H.R. 951 contains no directed rule makings.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

Section 1. Extension

Section 1 would authorize FERC to extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of Commission project number 12642 for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods. Such action may be taken at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of section 13 of the Federal Power Act, and the Commission’s procedures.

If the period required for commencement of construction of the project has expired prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, the FERC may reinstate the license for the project effective as of the date of its expiration and the first authorized extension shall take effect on the date of such expiration.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

This legislation does not amend any existing Federal statute.