Public Law 97-41
97th Congress

An Act

To authorize the generation of electrical power at Palo Verde Irrigation District Diversion Dam, California.

Aug. 14, 1981
[S. 875]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 31, 1954 (68 Stat. 1045) is amended by striking subsection 2(c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Palo Verde Irrigation District Diversion Dam, Calif.
Electrical power generation.
15 USC 714b.

"(c) to accept title to said dam, appurtenant works, lands, and interests in land upon payment by the district (which payment shall be made over a period of not more than fifty years) of the sum of $1,175,000, and upon repayment of any loan made pursuant to section 4, clause (c), of this Act;

"(d) notwithstanding any provision of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 792 et seq.), to the contrary, the Palo Verde Irrigation District, California, shall have the exclusive right to utilize said dam, appurtenant works, lands, and interests in land for the development, generation, transmission, and disposal of electric power and energy pursuant to a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under part I of the Federal Power Act: *Provided,* That if the Palo Verde Irrigation District, California, after the date of enactment of this subsection shall notify the Secretary of the Interior that it relinquishes the right granted in this subsection there shall be and is hereby reserved to the United States or there shall be made available to it, as the case may require, the exclusive right to utilize, without cost to it, said dam, appurtenant works, lands, and interests in land for such development, generation, and transmission of electric power and energy as may hereafter be authorized by law: *Provided further,* That in the event it becomes practicable for the United States to develop hydroelectric energy at this site, the division of such energy between the United States and the district shall be a matter of negotiation prior to construction of any powerplant.".

Approved August 14, 1981.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 875:

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