

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to submit to Congress
a report on certain hydropower projects.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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submit to Congress a report on certain hydropower projects.

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. FERC REPORT ON CERTAIN HYDROPOWER**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
7 (referred to in this section as the “FERC”) shall submit
8 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
9 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
10 of the House of Representatives a report that—

1 (1) identifies each hydropower project licensed
2 by the FERC that is located at a nonpowered site
3 that serves as storage to support downstream power
4 generation (referred to in this section as a
5 “project”);

6 (2) analyzes the value of electric power genera-
7 tion associated with each project, relative to the
8 value of nonpower generation functions associated
9 with the same project, including recreation and envi-
10 ronmental functions;

11 (3) describes the range of options that exist
12 under current law with respect to surrender or
13 transfer of a FERC license for a project, including
14 a representative range of actual measures required
15 by the FERC of project owners that have surren-
16 dered or transferred a FERC license;

17 (4) identifies any barriers to the surrender or
18 transfer of a FERC license for a project; and

19 (5) identifies the costs incurred by project own-
20 ers resulting from the requirements imposed by a
21 FERC license, including applicable costs broken
22 down by categories relating to—

23 (A) the environment, including fish and
24 wildlife measures;

25 (B) human safety;

- 1 (C) electric reliability;
- 2 (D) recreation;
- 3 (E) cultural resources;
- 4 (F) flood control;
- 5 (G) navigation;
- 6 (H) irrigation; and
- 7 (I) any other relevant category, as deter-
- 8 mined by the FERC.