HR 460

Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Jan 26, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	May 30, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 25, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 499	Identical bill	**Dec 31, 2012:** Held at the desk.
112 HR 2578	Related bill	**Jun 20, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of May 30, 2012)

Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act - (Sec. 3) Declares that, in order to facilitate hydropower development on the Diamond Fork System (Utah), a certain amount of reimbursable costs allocated to project power in the Power Appendix of the October 2004 Supplement to the 1988 Bonneville Unit Definite Plan Report shall be considered final costs, as well as specified costs in excess of the total maximum repayment obligation, subject to the same terms and conditions.

(Sec. 4) States that: (1) this Act does not obligate the Western Area Power Administration to purchase or market any of the power produced by the Diamond Fork power plant, and (2) none of the costs associated with development of transmission facilities to transmit power from the Diamond Fork power plant shall be assigned to power for the purpose of Colorado River Storage Project ratemaking.

(Sec. 5) Prohibits any hydroelectric power generation or transmission facility on the Diamond Fork System from being financed or refinanced with any obligation: (1) whose interest enjoys federal tax-exempt status, or (2) which enjoys certain federal tax credits.

(Sec. 6) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to report to certain congressional committees if hydropower production on the Diamond Fork System has not commenced 24 months after enactment of this Act, stating the reasons such production has not commenced, and presenting a detailed timeline for future hydropower production.

(Sec. 7) Provides that the budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to vote on passage.

(Sec. 8) Prohibits the use of Western Area Power Administration borrowing authority under the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 to fund any study or construction of transmission facilities developed as a result of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 30, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-503, Part I.
- **May 30, 2012:** Committee on The Budget discharged.
- **May 30, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 356.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Subcommittee on Water and Power Discharged.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 17, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 3, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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