

# Union Calendar No. 157

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3657

**[Report No. 119–193]**

To amend the Federal Power Act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to annually submit to Congress a report on the status of ongoing hydropower relicensing applications.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. FULCHER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

JULY 10, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. GRAY and Mr. LANGWORTHY

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 29, 2025]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Hydropower Licensing*  
5 *Transparency Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL LICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

7 *The Federal Power Act is amended by inserting after*  
8 *section 36 (16 U.S.C. 823g) the following:*

9 **“SEC. 37. ANNUAL LICENSING STATUS REPORT.**

10 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*  
11 *date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter,*  
12 *the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the*  
13 *status of—*

14 *“(1) the licensing process for each new license,*  
15 *and for each subsequent license for which sections 14*  
16 *and 15 have been waived, for which the existing li-*  
17 *icensee has notified the Commission under section*  
18 *15(b)(1) at least 3 years prior to submission of the re-*  
19 *port that such existing licensee intends to file an ap-*  
20 *plication for such new license or subsequent license,*  
21 *but such new license or subsequent license has not yet*  
22 *been issued under section 15; and*

23 *“(2) the licensing process for each original li-*  
24 *cence under section 4(e) for which a citizen, associa-*  
25 *tion, corporation, State, Indian Tribe, or municipi-*

1        *pality has notified the Commission, pursuant to ap-*  
2        *plicable regulations, at least 3 years prior to submis-*  
3        *sion of the report that such citizen, association, cor-*  
4        *poration, State, Indian Tribe, or municipality in-*  
5        *tends to file an application for such original license,*  
6        *but such original license has not yet been issued*  
7        *under section 4(e).*

8        *“(b) INCLUSIONS.—Each report submitted under sub-*  
9        *section (a) shall include, with respect to the licensing proc-*  
10       *ess for each new license and subsequent license described in*  
11       *such subsection and the licensing process for each original*  
12       *license described in such subsection—*

13                *“(1) the date the notice of intent described in*  
14                *such subsection was provided to the Commission;*

15                *“(2) any docket number assigned with respect to*  
16                *such licensing process;*

17                *“(3) whether any application for such new li-*  
18                *cence, such subsequent license, or such original license*  
19                *has been filed;*

20                *“(4) information regarding the status of any*  
21                *such application, including the date the Commission*  
22                *anticipates it will issue such original license, such*  
23                *subsequent license, or such new license;*

1           “(5) the date of any upcoming proceeding or  
2 other meeting related to such original license, such  
3 subsequent license, or such new license; and

4           “(6) a description of any ongoing or completed  
5 actions required of the existing licensee, citizen, asso-  
6 ciation, corporation, State, Indian Tribe, municipi-  
7 pality, the Commission, the fish and wildlife agencies  
8 referred to in section 15(b), and any other agencies.

9           “(c) *DISAGGREGATION OF INFORMATION BY LICENSE*  
10 *TYPE.*—The information included in each report submitted  
11 under subsection (a) shall be disaggregated by whether the  
12 information relates to a new license, or a subsequent license,  
13 issued under section 15 or an original license issued under  
14 section 4(e).”.

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