

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4451
OFFERED BY MR. MURPHY OF CONNECTICUT**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Collinsville Renewable
3 Energy Promotion Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSES AND EX-
5 TENSION OF TIME TO COMMENCE CON-
6 STRUCTION OF PROJECTS.**

7 Subject to section 4 of this Act and notwithstanding
8 the time period under section 13 of the Federal Power
9 Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal
10 Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 10822
11 and 10823, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
12 (referred to in this Act as the “Commission”) may—

13 (1) reinstate the license for either or each of
14 those projects; and

15 (2) extend for 2 years after the date on which
16 either or each project is reinstated under paragraph

17 (1) the time period during which the licensee is re-

1 quired to commence the construction of such
2 projects.

3 Prior to reaching any final decision under this section, the
4 Commission shall provide an opportunity for submission
5 of comments by interested persons, municipalities, and
6 States and shall consider any such comment that is timely
7 submitted.

8 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF LICENSES TO THE TOWN OF CANTON,**
9 **CONNECTICUT.**

10 Notwithstanding section 8 of the Federal Power Act
11 (16 U.S.C. 801) or any other provision thereof, if the
12 Commission reinstates the license for, and extends the
13 time period during which the licensee is required to com-
14 mence the construction of, a Federal Energy Regulatory
15 Commission project under section 2, the Commission shall
16 transfer such license to the town of Canton, Connecticut.

17 **SEC. 4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.**

18 (a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
19 term “environmental assessment” shall have the same
20 meaning as is given such term in regulations prescribed
21 by the Council on Environmental Quality that implement
22 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
23 4321 et seq.).

24 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.—Not later than
25 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-

1 mission shall complete an environmental assessment for
2 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects num-
3 bered 10822 and 10823, updating, to the extent nec-
4 essary, the environmental analysis performed during the
5 process of licensing such projects.

6 (c) COMMENT PERIOD.—Upon issuance of the envi-
7 ronmental assessment required under subsection (b), the
8 Commission shall—

9 (1) initiate a 30-day public comment period;

10 and

11 (2) before taking any action under section 2 or

12 3—

13 (A) consider any comments received during
14 such 30-day period; and

15 (B) incorporate in the license for the
16 projects involved, such terms and conditions as
17 the Commission determines to be necessary,
18 based on the environmental assessment per-
19 formed and comments received under this sec-
20 tion.

21 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE.**

22 Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment
23 of this Act, the Commission shall—

24 (1) make a final decision pursuant to para-
25 graph (1) of section 2; and

1 (2) if the Commission decides to reinstate 1 or
2 both of the licenses under such paragraph and ex-
3 tend the corresponding deadline for commencement
4 of construction under paragraph (2) of such section,
5 complete the action required under section 3.

6 **SEC. 6. PROTECTION OF EXISTING RIGHTS.**

7 Nothing in this Act shall affect any valid license
8 issued by the Commission under section 4 of the Federal
9 Power Act (16 U.S.C. 797) on or before the date of enact-
10 ment of this Act or diminish or extinguish any existing
11 rights under any such license.

