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H. R. 1135

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 1999

Mr. NORWOOD (for himself, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, and Mr. LINDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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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. LAKE OCONEE LAND EXCHANGE, GEORGIA.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY.—The
6 term “description of the boundary” means the docu-
7 ments entitled “Description of the Boundary” dated
8 September 6, 1996, prepared by the Forest Service
9 and on file with the Secretary.

1 (2) EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.—The term “ex-
2 change agreement” means the agreement between
3 Georgia Power Company and the Forest Service
4 dated December 26, 1996, as amended on August
5 17, 1998, which is on file with the Secretary.

6 (3) GEORGIA POWER COMPANY.—The term
7 “Georgia Power Company” means Georgia Power
8 Company, a division of the Southern Company, a
9 Georgia corporation, or its successors or assigns.

10 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Agriculture.

12 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Simultaneously with the con-
14 veyance by Georgia Power Company to the Secretary
15 of all right, title, and interest in and to the land de-
16 scribed in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall—

17 (A) convey to Georgia Power Company all
18 right, title, and interest in and to the land de-
19 scribed in paragraph (3), except as provided in
20 the exchange agreement; and

21 (B) make a value equalization payment of
22 \$23,250 to Georgia Power Company.

23 (2) LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE SEC-
24 RETARY.—The land described in this paragraph is
25 the land within or near the Chattahoochee National

1 Forest and Oconee National Forest in the State of
2 Georgia, comprising approximately 1,175.46 acres,
3 described in the exchange agreement and the de-
4 scription of the boundary.

5 (3) LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO GEORGIA
6 POWER COMPANY.—The land described in this para-
7 graph is the land in the State of Georgia, comprising
8 approximately 1,275.80 acres, described in the ex-
9 change agreement and the description of the bound-
10 ary.

11 (c) PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WITHDRAWALS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The orders issued by the
13 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under sec-
14 tion 24 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 818),
15 authorizing Power Project Numbers 2413 and 2354,
16 issued August 6, 1969, and October 1, 1996, respec-
17 tively, are revoked insofar as the orders affect the
18 land described in subsection (b)(3).

19 (2) NO ANNUAL CHARGE.—No interest con-
20 veyed to Georgia Power Company or easement right
21 retained by Georgia Power Company under this sec-
22 tion shall be subject to an annual charge for the
23 purpose of compensating the United States for the
24 use of its land for power purposes.

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