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# S. 604

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 1999

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. CLELAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Lake Oconee Land  
5 Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAKE OCONEE LAND EXCHANGE.**

7       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY.—The  
9 term “description of the boundary” means the docu-  
10 ments entitled “Description of the Boundary” dated

1 September 6, 1996, prepared by the Forest Service  
2 and on file with the Secretary.

3 (2) EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.—The term “ex-  
4 change agreement” means the agreement between  
5 Georgia Power Company and the Forest Service  
6 dated December 26, 1996, as amended on August  
7 17, 1998, on file with the Secretary.

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

12 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13 the Secretary of Agriculture.

14 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—

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

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

23 (B) make a value equalization payment of  
24 \$23,250 to Georgia Power Company.

1           (2) LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE SEC-  
2           RETARY.—The land described in this paragraph is  
3           the land within or near the Chattahoochee National  
4           Forest and Oconee National Forest in the State of  
5           Georgia, comprising approximately 1,175.46 acres,  
6           described in the exchange agreement and the de-  
7           scription of the boundary.

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

14          (c) PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WITHDRAWALS.—

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

22           (2) NO ANNUAL CHARGE.—No interest con-  
23           veyed to Georgia Power Company or easement right  
24           retained by Georgia Power Company under this sec-  
25           tion shall be subject to an annual charge for the

- 1 purpose of compensating the United States for the
- 2 use of its land for power purposes.

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