

Calendar No. 162

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 604

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

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

JUNE 21, 1999

Reported by Mr. LUGAR, without amendment

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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:

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

6 (2) EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.—The term “ex-
7 change agreement” means the agreement between
8 Georgia Power Company and the Forest Service
9 dated December 26, 1996, as amended on August
10 17, 1998, on file with the Secretary.

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

15 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of Agriculture.

17 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—

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

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

1 (B) make a value equalization payment of
2 \$23,250 to Georgia Power Company.

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

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

16 (c) PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WITHDRAWALS.—

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

24 (2) NO ANNUAL CHARGE.—No interest con-
25 veyed to Georgia Power Company or easement right

1 retained by Georgia Power Company under this sec-
2 tion shall be subject to an annual charge for the
3 purpose of compensating the United States for the
4 use of its land for power purposes.

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