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S. 461

To make certain irrigation districts eligible for Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin
Program pumping power, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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Missouri Basin Program pumping power, and for other
purposes.

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. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN AREAS TO RECEIVE**
4 **PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PROGRAM**
5 **PUMPING POWER.**

6 Section 5(a) of Public Law 89–108 (79 Stat. 435;
7 100 Stat. 419; 114 Stat. 2763A–284) is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following:

1 “(6) ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN IRRIGATION DIS-
 2 TRICTS TO RECEIVE PUMPING POWER.—

3 “(A) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE IRRIGA-
 4 TION DISTRICT.—In this paragraph, the term
 5 ‘eligible irrigation district’ means an irrigation
 6 district that is located in—

7 “(i) the test area referred to in para-
 8 graph (1); or

9 “(ii) an area within the 28,000-acre
 10 area described in paragraph (3) that is
 11 analyzed by the Secretary but not devel-
 12 oped under that paragraph.

13 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—An eligible irrigation
 14 district shall be eligible to receive Pick-Sloan
 15 Missouri Basin Program pumping power—

16 “(i) subject to any terms and at any
 17 rates established by the Secretary; and

18 “(ii) in accordance with a contract en-
 19 tered into under subparagraph (C).

20 “(C) CONTRACT.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
 22 (ii), the Secretary may enter into a con-
 23 tract with an eligible irrigation district to
 24 provide Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Pro-

1 gram pumping power to the eligible irriga-
2 tion district.

3 “(ii) REQUIREMENT.—No Pick-Sloan
4 Missouri Basin Program pumping power
5 may be delivered to an eligible irrigation
6 district under this paragraph until the date
7 on which a contract authorizing the deliv-
8 ery to the irrigation district is executed
9 under clause (i).”.

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