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H. R. 4789

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND, WELLS HYDRO-**
2 **ELECTRIC PROJECT, PUBLIC UTILITY DIS-**
3 **TRICT NO. 1 OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASH-**
4 **INGTON.**

5 (a) **CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.**—At the request of
6 Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Wash-
7 ington (in this section referred to as the “Utility Dis-
8 trict”), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the
9 Utility District all right, title, and interest of the United
10 States in and to eight parcels of public land that are lo-
11 cated entirely or partially within the boundaries of the
12 Wells Hydroelectric Project of the Utility District and are
13 administered by the Secretary through the Bureau of
14 Land Management. The parcels consist of a total of ap-
15 proximately 382 acres, as depicted on the map entitled
16 “_____” and dated _____,
17 2006.

18 (b) **TIME FOR CONVEYANCE.**—Subject to subsection
19 (d), the Secretary shall complete the conveyance under
20 this section not later than 90 days after the date on which
21 the Secretary receives the Utility District’s request for the
22 conveyance under subsection (a).

23 (c) **MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.**—As soon as pos-
24 sible after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary shall prepare legal descriptions of the parcels of
26 land to be conveyed under this section. The Secretary may

1 correct any minor errors in the map referred to in sub-
2 section (a) or in the legal descriptions prepared under this
3 subsection. The map and legal descriptions shall be on file
4 and available for public inspection in appropriate offices
5 of the Bureau of Land Management.

6 (d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-
7 veyance of land under this section, the Utility District
8 shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the fair
9 market value of the conveyed land, as determined by an
10 appraisal satisfactory to the Secretary and conforming to
11 the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-
12 sitions.

13 (e) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall de-
14 posit the proceeds from the conveyance of land under this
15 section in the working capital fund of the Bureau of Land
16 Management established by section 306 of the Federal
17 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
18 1736).

19 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
20 the land to be conveyed under this section is withdrawn
21 from location, entry, and patent under the public land
22 laws, mining laws, and mineral leasing laws, including geo-
23 thermal leasing laws.

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