

House Joint Resolution 11

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA COMMENDING AND
3 SUPPORTING NORTHERN LIGHTS, INC., AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN
4 A PROPOSED PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A HYDROELECTRIC DAM ON THE
5 KOOTENAI RIVER NEAR TROY."

6 WHEREAS, Northern Lights, Inc., a tristate rural
7 electric cooperative, is presently holding a preliminary
8 permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to
9 investigate the feasibility of constructing a hydroelectric
10 project on the Kootenai River near the Idaho-Montana border
11 and 4 miles upstream from Troy, Montana; and

12 WHEREAS, Northern Lights, Inc., has joined with the six
13 electric cooperatives serving Western Montana and the
14 Flathead Irrigation Districts in a generation and
15 transmission cooperative to develop the above project with
16 Northern Lights, Inc., acting as agent for the participants;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the participant's energy loads are growing at
19 an annual rate of 14%; and

20 WHEREAS, the Bonneville Power Administration may not be
21 able to provide electric power for load growth beyond 1983;

1 and
2 WHEREAS, the environmental effects of the project will
3 be minimal; and

4 WHEREAS, studies are presently being made on
5 innovations in construction such as an underwater spillway
6 and an underground powerhouse which will help to preserve
7 the environment, and the project will be a run-of-the-river
8 plant utilizing the water released from Libby Dam upstream;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the water used in the project is a
11 self-renewable resource and if not utilized will be wasted,
12 and use of this water will be an outstanding example of good
13 conservation.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
15 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

16 (1) That Northern Lights, Inc., and the other
17 participants in the proposed hydroelectric project at Troy
18 are commended for their efforts to continue to bring
19 low-cost energy to their consumers.

20 (2) That all federal, state, and local regulatory
21 agencies involved in approval of the project are urged to
22 grant the necessary permits so that the project may be
23 constructed.

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