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TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 1



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*Upgrades to Existing Hydropower Facilities.*—To fulfill Section 1824 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Department of the Interior, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Power Marketing Administrations released a 2007 report assessing the potential for increases to electric power generation at existing federal facilities through upgrades and efficiency enhancements. The Committee encourages the Bureau of Reclamation to consider such upgrades at its existing facilities, as described in more detail in the introduction section of this report.

*St. Mary Diversion Rehabilitation, Glacier County, Montana.*—The Committee recommendation includes \$3,000,000 for the St. Mary Diversion Rehabilitation project. The funding provided is for rehabilitation project elements currently authorized under the Bureau of Reclamation. Although this project was authorized for the Corps of Engineers in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act, this project was originally constructed by the Bureau, and its rehabilitation should take place under the Bureau's auspices. As in the explanatory statement accompanying the fiscal year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, should the project sponsors desire further improvements outside of existing authority under the Bureau of Reclamation, the Committee encourages the project sponsors to pursue the necessary authority for the Bureau to undertake this work.

*Rural Water Program.*—The Committee notes that, for the first time, the Bureau includes at least a minimal level of funding for all Title I ongoing rural water projects. The Committee appreciates and supports this approach and encourages its continuation in future years.

*Water Reclamation and Reuse Program.*—The Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program contributes to water conservation in the western United States by furthering efficient use and reuse of water supplies. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed no less than \$126,000,000 to Title XVI projects, to be expended by the end of fiscal year 2010. At the time this Act was written, the Bureau had not yet publicly released their allocation of Recovery Act funding to individual Title XVI projects. The Committee is unable to recommend funding for individual Title XVI projects without knowledge of the Bureau's Recovery Act funding allocations. The Committee therefore provides \$100,000 for each Title XVI project for the fiscal year 2010, pending the announcement of Recovery Act funding and accurate projections of project needs.

*Glen Canyon Dam.*—The Committee continues to support the goals of the Grand Canyon Protection Act (GCPA) and the resulting duties placed upon the Bureau of Reclamation. However, the Committee is concerned that many of the procedural requirements in the GCPA and Charter for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group are being disregarded. The result appears to be that Federal responsibilities have been neglected and public transparency compromised. Specifically, the Committee strongly encourages that the Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation and concurrence with the National Park Service, revisit the Operating Criteria for Glen Canyon Dam. The five-year review required by the Operating Criteria should be an open public process consistent with the GCPA and 1997 Operating Criteria requirements (62 FR 9447-9448).