

1935—Act Aug. 26, 1935, §204, amended section generally, substituting “thirty days” for “ninety days” in third sentence and inserting last sentence.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

For effective date and applicability of amendment by Pub. L. 104-106, see section 4401 of Pub. L. 104-106, set out as a note under section 2302 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

### § 800. Issuance of preliminary permits or licenses

#### (a) Preference

In issuing preliminary permits hereunder or original licenses where no preliminary permit has been issued, the Commission shall give preference to applications therefor by States, Indian tribes, and municipalities, provided the plans for the same are deemed by the Commission equally well adapted, or shall within a reasonable time to be fixed by the Commission be made equally well adapted, to conserve and utilize in the public interest the water resources of the region; and as between other applicants, the Commission may give preference to the applicant the plans of which it finds and determines are best adapted to develop, conserve, and utilize in the public interest the water resources of the region, if it be satisfied as to the ability of the applicant to carry out such plans.

#### (b) Development of water resources by United States; reports

Whenever, in the judgment of the Commission, the development of any water resources for public purposes should be undertaken by the United States itself, the Commission shall not approve any application for any project affecting such development, but shall cause to be made such examinations, surveys, reports, plans, and estimates of the cost of the proposed development as it may find necessary, and shall submit its findings to Congress with such recommendations as it may find appropriate concerning such development.

#### (c) Assumption of project by United States after expiration of license

Whenever, after notice and opportunity for hearing, the Commission determines that the United States should exercise its right upon or after the expiration of any license to take over any project or projects for public purposes, the Commission shall not issue a new license to the original licensee or to a new licensee but shall submit its recommendation to Congress together with such information as it may consider appropriate.

(June 10, 1920, ch. 285, pt. I, §7, 41 Stat. 1067; renumbered pt. I and amended, Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 687, title II, §§205, 212, 49 Stat. 842, 847; Pub. L. 90-451, §1, Aug. 3, 1968, 82 Stat. 616; Pub. L. 99-495, §2, Oct. 16, 1986, 100 Stat. 1243; Pub. L. 115-325, title II, §201(a), Dec. 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 4459.)

#### CODIFICATION

Additional provisions in the section as enacted by act June 10, 1920, directing the commission to investigate the cost and economic value of the power plant outlined in project numbered 3, House Document numbered 1400, Sixty-second Congress, third session, and also in connection with such project to submit plans

and estimates of cost necessary to secure an increased water supply for the District of Columbia, have been omitted as temporary and executed.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-325 substituted “States, Indian tribes, and municipalities” for “States and municipalities”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-495 inserted “original” after “hereunder or” and substituted “issued,” for “issued and in issuing licenses to new licensees under section 808 of this title”.

1968—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-451 added subsec. (c).

1935—Act Aug. 26, 1935, §205, amended section generally, striking out “navigation and” before “water resources” wherever appearing, and designating paragraphs as subsecs. (a) and (b).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-495 effective with respect to each license, permit, or exemption issued under this chapter after Oct. 16, 1986, see section 18 of Pub. L. 99-495, set out as a note under section 797 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-325, title II, §201(b), Dec. 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 4459, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall not affect—

“(1) any preliminary permit or original license issued before the date of enactment of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017 [Dec. 18, 2018]; or

“(2) an application for an original license, if the Commission has issued a notice accepting that application for filing pursuant to section 4.32(d) of title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations), before the date of enactment of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments of 2017.”

#### DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE

Pub. L. 115-325, title II, §201(c), Dec. 18, 2018, 132 Stat. 4459, provided that: “For purposes of section 7(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 800(a)) (as amended by subsection (a)), the term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).”

### § 801. Transfer of license; obligations of transferee

No voluntary transfer of any license, or of the rights thereunder granted, shall be made without the written approval of the commission; and any successor or assign of the rights of such licensee, whether by voluntary transfer, judicial sale, foreclosure sale, or otherwise, shall be subject to all the conditions of the license under which such rights are held by such licensee and also subject to all the provisions and conditions of this chapter to the same extent as though such successor or assign were the original licensee under this chapter: *Provided*, That a mortgage or trust deed or judicial sales made thereunder or under tax sales shall not be deemed voluntary transfers within the meaning of this section.

(June 10, 1920, ch. 285, pt. I, §8, 41 Stat. 1068; renumbered pt. I, Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 687, title II, §212, 49 Stat. 847.)

### § 802. Information to accompany application for license; landowner notification

(a) Each applicant for a license under this chapter shall submit to the commission—