

project, including acquisition of lands, easements, rights-of-way, or other interest in land in accordance with Federal laws and procedures governing flood-control projects and subsequent conveyance thereof to the licensee.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. The operation and maintenance of a project under license pursuant to this Act shall be subject to reasonable rules and regulations by the Secretary of the Army in the interest of flood control and navigation. To assure that there shall be no discrimination between States in the area served by the project, such license shall provide that the licensee shall offer a reasonable portion of the power capacity and a reasonable portion of the power output of the project for sale within the economic market area in neighboring States and shall cooperate with agencies in such States to insure compliance with this requirement: *Provided*, That in the event of disagreement between the licensee and the power marketing agencies (public or private) in any of the other States within the economic market area, the Federal Power Commission may determine and fix the applicable portion of power capacity and power output to be made available hereunder and the terms applicable thereto. Power surplus to the requirements of the licensee and other non-Federal marketing agencies (public or private) within the economic marketing area, as may be economically usable to the Federal system, may be made available to and may be purchased by the Bonneville Power Administrator at rates not higher than the rates charged such non-Federal marketing agencies, and under such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreeable to the licensee and the Secretary of the Interior. Such power may be co-mingled with power from Federal dams in the Columbia River system for which the Bonneville Power Administrator has been designated marketing agent and shall be sold by the Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Bonneville Project Act at established rate schedules.

Power marketing agency disagreement.  
FPC determination.

Power surplus.  
Bonneville Project.

50 Stat. 731.  
16 USC 832-832f.  
Effectivity.  
16 USC 791a.

SEC. 7. If an application for a preliminary permit for a license under the Federal Power Act to authorize the development of the Priest Rapids site is not prosecuted with reasonable diligence before the Federal Power Commission and in any event if the license application is not filed with the Federal Power Commission prior to the date which is two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the provisions of this Act shall not be effective after such date and the authorization for the development of the Priest Rapids site contained in the Flood Control Act of 1950 shall have the same status it would have had if this Act had not been enacted. In the event an application for a license is made and denied by the Federal Power Commission, or if construction under a license is not carried out in a reasonable period of time as determined by the Federal Power Commission, the authorization in the Flood Control Act of 1950 will have the same status it would have had if this Act had not been enacted. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal Power Commission shall act, on any such application filed with it prior to such date, within one year after the date on which such application is filed.

64 Stat. 179.

Approved July 27, 1954.

Public Law 545

CHAPTER 591

AN ACT

July 28, 1954  
[S. 2367]

To amend the Act of June 29, 1935 (the Bankhead-Jones Act), as amended, to strengthen the conduct of research of the Department of Agriculture.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June*

29, 1935 (the Bankhead-Jones Act), as amended (7 U. S. C. 427-427j), is amended by adding at the end of section 10 thereof the following:

60 Stat. 1085.  
7 USC 427i.

“(e) Appropriations for research work in the Department of Agriculture shall be available for accomplishing such purposes by contract through the means provided in subsection (a) hereof.”

Approved July 28, 1954.

Public Law 546

CHAPTER 592

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of certain lands by the United States to the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

July 28, 1954  
[H. R. 8983]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land containing approximately five and four-tenths acres, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, being a portion of the Veterans' Administration hospital reservation situate in Muskogee County, State of Oklahoma, likewise being a portion of certain lands conveyed to the United States by the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, by warranty deed dated March 17, 1945, recorded in the office of the clerk of Muskogee County on June 23, 1945, in book 839, pages 432 to 434, the exact courses and distances of the perimeter of which shall be determined and approved by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. The city of Muskogee shall pay the cost of surveys as may be required by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs in determining the required legal description.

Muskogee, Okla.  
Conveyance.

Survey cost.

SEC. 2. There shall be reserved to the United States all minerals, including oil and gas, in the lands authorized for conveyance by section 1, and the deed of conveyance shall contain such additional terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions as may be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to be necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

Mineral reservation, etc.

SEC. 3. The deed of conveyance shall provide that the tract of land authorized to be conveyed by section 1 of this Act shall be used by the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, for such purposes as will not, in the judgment of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs or his designate, interfere with the care and treatment of patients in the Veterans' Administration Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and that if such provision is violated, title to the tract shall revert to the United States.

Use.

Approved July 28, 1954.

Public Law 547

CHAPTER 593

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California, and for other purposes.

July 28, 1954  
[H. R. 5731]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, acting pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, as far as those laws are not inconsistent with the

De Luz Dam,  
Calif.  
Construction,  
etc.  
43 USC 371 note.