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## AN ACT

To authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County  
Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the  
Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit  
corporation, for the planning, design, and construction  
of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Fort Peck Rural County*  
 3 *Water Supply System Act of 1996”.*

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 *For the purposes of this Act:*

6 (1) **CONSTRUCTION.**—*The term “construction”*  
 7 *means such activities associated with the actual devel-*  
 8 *opment or construction of facilities as are initiated*  
 9 *on execution of contracts for construction.*

10 (2) **DISTRICT.**—*The term “District” means the*  
 11 *Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a non-*  
 12 *profit corporation in Montana.*

13 (3) **FEASIBILITY STUDY.**—*The term “feasibility*  
 14 *study” means the study entitled “Final Engineering*  
 15 *Report and Alternative Evaluation for the Fort Peck*  
 16 *Rural County Water District”, dated September 1994.*

17 (4) **PLANNING.**—*The term “planning” means ac-*  
 18 *tivities such as data collection, evaluation, design,*  
 19 *and other associated preconstruction activities re-*  
 20 *quired prior to the execution of contracts for construc-*  
 21 *tion.*

22 (5) **SECRETARY.**—*The term “Secretary” means*  
 23 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

24 (6) **WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.**—*The term “water*  
 25 *supply system” means the Fort Peck Rural County*

1        *Water Supply System, to be established and operated*  
 2        *substantially in accordance with the feasibility study.*

3        **SEC. 3. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.**

4        (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Upon request of the District, the*  
 5        *Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the*  
 6        *District for the planning, design, and construction by the*  
 7        *District of the water supply system. Title to this project*  
 8        *shall remain in the name of the District.*

9        (b) *SERVICE AREA.*—*The water supply system shall*  
 10       *provide for safe and adequate rural water supplies under*  
 11       *the jurisdiction of the District in Valley County, north-*  
 12       *eastern Montana (as described in the feasibility study).*

13       (c) *AMOUNT OF FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.*—

14            (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to paragraph (3),*  
 15        *under the cooperative agreement, the Secretary shall*  
 16        *pay the Federal share of—*

17                    (A) *costs associated with the planning, de-*  
 18                    *sign, and construction of the water supply sys-*  
 19                    *tem (as identified in the feasibility study); and*

20                    (B) *such sums as are necessary to defray*  
 21                    *increases in the budget.*

22            (2) *FEDERAL SHARE.*—*The Federal share re-*  
 23        *ferred to in paragraph (1) shall be 75 percent and*  
 24        *shall not be reimbursable.*

1           (3) *TOTAL.*—*The amount of Federal funds made*  
2           *available under the cooperative agreement shall not*  
3           *exceed the amount of funds authorized to be appro-*  
4           *priated under section 4.*

5           (4) *LIMITATIONS.*—*Not more than 5 percent of*  
6           *the amount of Federal funds made available to the*  
7           *Secretary under section 4 may be used by the Sec-*  
8           *retary for activities associated with—*

9                   (A) *compliance with the National Environ-*  
10                  *mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et*  
11                  *seq.); and*

12                   (B) *oversight of the planning, design, and*  
13                  *construction by the District of the water supply*  
14                  *system.*

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16           *There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out*  
17           *this Act \$5,800,000. This authorization shall terminate*  
18           *after a period of 5 complete fiscal years after the date of*  
19           *enactment of this Act unless the Congress has appropriated*  
20           *funds for the construction purposes of this Act. This author-*  
21           *ization shall be extended 1 additional year if the Secretary*  
22           *has requested such appropriation. The funds authorized to*  
23           *be appropriated may be increased or decreased by such*  
24           *amounts as are justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations*  
25           *in development costs incurred after October 1, 1994, as in-*



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