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S. 522

To provide for a limited exemption to the hydroelectric licensing provisions of part I of the Federal Power Act for certain transmission facilities associated with the El Vado Hydroelectric Project in New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9 (legislative day, MARCH 6), 1995

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITED EXEMPTION.**

4 (a) EXEMPTION.—Part I of the Federal Power Act,
5 and the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory
6 Commission under such part I, shall not apply to the
7 transmission line facilities associated with the El Vado

1 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 5226-002)
2 which are described in subsection (b).

3 (b) FACILITIES COVERED BY EXEMPTION.—The fa-
4 cilities to which the exemption under subsection (a) ap-
5 plies are those transmission facilities located near the Rio
6 Chama, a tributary of the Rio Grande, in Rio Arriba
7 County, New Mexico, referred to as the El Vado trans-
8 mission line, a three phase 12-mile long 69 kV power line
9 installed within a 50-foot wide right-of-way in Rio Arriba
10 County, New Mexico, originating at the El Vado Project's
11 switchyard and connecting to the Spills 69 kV Switching
12 Station operated by the Northern Arriba Electric Coopera-
13 tive, Inc.

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