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## AN ACT

April 30, 1964 [S. 2279]

To authorize the transfer of the Piegan unit of the Blackfeet Indian irrigation \_ project, Montana, to the landowners within the unit.

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 is authorized to convey all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in the facilities of the Piegan unit of the Blackfeet Indian irrigation project, located in township 31 north, ranges 8 and 9 west, Montana principal meridian, including but not limited to easements, rights-of-way, canals, laterals, drains, structures

Blackfeet Indian irrigation project, Conveyance.

Condition.

of all kinds, and water rights held for the benefit of the unit, to an organization or association in form and powers satisfactory to the Secretary, representing the owners of the lands served by the unit: *Provided*, That as a condition to said conveyance, the grantee shall assume full and sole responsibility for the future care, operation, and maintenance of the unit, for which the United States shall have no further responsibility; and shall hold the United States free of all loss or liability for damages or injuries, direct or consequential, caused by the existence or operation of the unit or any of its features or structures, from and after the date of its conveyance.

Cancellation of certain charges.

SEC. 2. Upon conveyance of the Piegan unit of the Blackfeet Indian irrigation project as provided for in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to cancel all accrued operation and maintenance charges and all construction charges with respect to the said unit.

Approved April 30, 1964.