

[CHAPTER 695]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the State Water Conservation Board of Montana and the Tongue River Water Users' Association for participation in the costs and benefits of the Tongue River Storage Reservoir project for the benefit of lands on the Tongue River Indian Reservation, Montana.

August 11, 1939  
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*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to execute a contract with the Tongue River Water Users' Association, a Montana corporation, and the State Water Conservation Board of the State of Montana, providing for the acquiring of a right to the use annually of seven thousand five hundred acre-feet of water from the Tongue River Reservoir project for the irrigation of lands on the Tongue River Indian Reservation, Montana, now without an adequate supply of water, and for the payment therefor of a proper proportionate share of the construction costs of the project: *Provided*, That the cost to the United States shall not exceed a total amount of \$360,750, which amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid in not to exceed thirty-seven annual installments beginning on December 15, 1939, and continuing thereafter until the entire construction costs properly assessable against the Indian lands benefited shall have been paid: *Provided further*, That said contract shall also make provision for payment of the annual operation and maintenance charges properly assessable against the United States on account of its participation in the benefits of said project, and the necessary money to pay such operation and maintenance charges is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Tongue River Indian Reservation, Mont.  
Execution of contract for water for irrigating lands on, authorized.

Payment; computation.  
*Provisos.*  
Cost limitation.  
Appropriation authorized.

Operation and maintenance charges, etc.

SEC. 2. Appropriations made for the purpose of this Act shall be reimbursed to the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Reimbursement.

Approved, August 11, 1939.