



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2924

**A bill to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing
Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruction of property,
and for other purposes**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 3, 2001

H.R. 2924 would allow the Western, Southwestern, and Southeastern Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) to carry out programs to reduce vandalism, theft, and destruction of property under their jurisdiction and would provide authorization for the PMAs to provide cash rewards of up to \$1,000 per individual for information leading to arrest and prosecution in such cases. PMA property includes electricity transmission lines, substations, and communications equipment. Based on information from the Department of Energy on similar programs, CBO estimates that carrying out the new program and providing rewards would cost the three PMAs less than \$75,000 a year, assuming the appropriation of the necessary funds.

H.R. 2924 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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