



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2217

A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC project number 9248 in the state of Colorado, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on April 29, 1998

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2217 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The bill does not contain any intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The bill would extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project currently subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) until January 20, 2002. The proposed extension is for FERC project number 9248. The bill also would direct FERC to reinstate the license of the town of Telluride, Colorado, for this project. This provision may have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the bill's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, enactment of this bill would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

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