



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 244

**An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction
of a hydroelectric project in the state of Wyoming**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 20, 2006*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 244 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation 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.

S. 244 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project (number 1651) in Lincoln County, Wyoming. These provisions could 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 legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, S. 244 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

On February 14, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 244 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 8, 2005. The estimated costs of the two versions of the legislation are the same.

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