



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 22, 2005

**S. 1310
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline
Enlargement Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 16, 2005*

S. 1310 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to issue an easement and a construction permit to the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. These documents would enable the corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline that crosses the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania. S. 1310 also would extend the life of the life of the National Park System advisory board for an additional two years (through January 1, 2008).

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1310 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. We expect that the cost of providing an easement and a construction permit to the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation would be less than \$100,000 and would be offset by new administrative fees. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, we estimate that supporting the National Park System advisory board would cost about \$200,000 a year for each of the next two years. Enacting S. 1310 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

On November 22, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3124, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline Enlargement Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 2005. The two versions of the bill are very similar, as are their estimated costs.

This 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.

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