



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1217

An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the state of Washington, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 22, 1997*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1217 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 of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1217 would extend until May 4, 2004, the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project currently subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The proposed extension is for FERC project number 10359. 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 provision would have no net budgetary impact.

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

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