



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1836

A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Alabama

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 5, 2000*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1836 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 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1836 would extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project currently subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for six years. The proposed extension is for project number 7115. S. 1836 also would direct FERC to reinstate the license for the project should it expire prior to enactment of this bill. 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 legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to S. 1836.

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