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S. 2035

A bill to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project in the state of Idaho, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 24, 2006*

S. 2035 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to extend the deadline for commencing construction of a hydroelectric project (number 4656) in Idaho by up to three years. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2035 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The bill would 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 fully offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2035 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit water districts in Idaho by authorizing the reinstatement and extension of their license for construction of a hydroelectric project. Any costs they might incur would result from complying with conditions for receiving federal assistance.

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