



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 3, 2010

### **H.R. 4451** **Collinsville Renewable Energy Promotion Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 26, 2010*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4451 would have no net effect on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4451 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.

H.R. 4451 would authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to reinstate the licenses and extend the deadline for beginning construction of two hydroelectric projects (numbers 10822 and 10823) in Hartford County, Connecticut. The bill would direct FERC to update the environmental analyses associated with those projects and, if reinstated, transfer the licenses to the town of Canton, Connecticut.

Based on information from FERC, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4451 would have a small impact on the agency'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 fees that the commission charges. Therefore, the legislation's provisions would have no net budgetary impact. Because FERC's administrative costs are controlled through annual appropriation acts, enacting H.R. 4451 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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