



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2607**

**A bill to make a technical correction to section 3009  
of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on April 24, 2008*

Under current law, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is authorized to reimburse certain low-power television stations in fiscal year 2009 for their costs to upgrade analog equipment to broadcast digital signals. The payments are to be made from spectrum auction proceeds deposited in the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund.

S. 2607 would extend NTIA's authority to make those reimbursements through fiscal year 2012 and amend contradictory direction in current law regarding when such payments would start. Under current law, CBO assumes that those payments would be made over the next few years. Based on information from NTIA, CBO estimates that enacting S. 2607 would not change the agency's anticipated spending patterns, and thus would have no effect on direct spending. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues or spending subject to appropriation.

S. 2607 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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