



BDR 58-236 SB 416

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 24, 2015

Agency Submitting: Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
CAT 01 - Personnel (Expense)		\$80,849	\$106,447	\$212,894
CAT 04 - Operating (Expense)		\$17,508	\$17,508	\$35,016
CAT 05 - Equipment (Expense)		\$3,600		
CAT 26 - Information Services (Expense)		\$1,258		
Total	0	\$103,215	\$123,955	\$247,910

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The PUCN budget is funded primarily through an annual regulatory assessment (mill rate) levied against public utilities in the state for which they receive recovery from their ratepayers. Pursuant to NRS 704.033, the PUCN is required to notify utilities of the annual assessment by June 15th of each year for the following fiscal year. The statutory maximum assessment is 3.5 mills. The fiscal impact would raise the annual regulatory assessment by .06 mills (0.00006) which will have an impact on the monthly residential ratepayer of one cent (\$.01).

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Monday, March 23, 2015

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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Fiscal Effect of BDR 58-236

Public Utilities Commission - 224-3920 Estimated Costs of \$227,170 for the Biennium March 20, 2015

SUMMARY- Makes various changes regarding the use of decommissioned power plant sites.

The proposed statute will require the Public Utilities Commission (PUCN) to engage in the following activities:

Sections 11, 12 - all include components that would require the PUCN to hold hearings that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Section 11 requires that for each asset classified by an electric utility as pre-operational reserve or post-operational reserve pursuant to section 10 of this act, the PUCN may, after notice and a hearing pursuant to NRS 703.320, reclassify the asset as surplus if the PUCN determines that the asset is no longer being held in the public trust and should not be considered in the determination of rate.

Section 12 requires that for each asset which has been classified as surplus by an electric utility pursuant to section 10 of this act or by the PUCN pursuant to section 11 of this act, the electric utility shall file a surplus asset retirement plan with the PUCN within 120 days after the asset has been classified as surplus. Such a plan is subject to the approval of the PUCN through a hearing.

The PUCN estimates at a minimum four (4) hearings last one (1) day each would be needed to carry out the provisions of this act.

The following is an estimate of the costs based on previous rulemaking proceedings:

Noticing Publication Costs	\$10,512
Hearings (4 x 1 day each = 4 days per year = 8 days per biennium)	
Court Reporter (\$280/day)	\$2,240
Transcripts (\$7.80/page)	\$15,600
Operating Expenses (postage, copying, mailing)	\$6,664
Operating Expense (LCB Legal Review)	\$0
Consultant	\$0
Small Business Impact investigation -if required (NRS 233B.0608)*	\$0
Total	<hr/> \$35,016

Sections 12 would require the PUCN to employ: 1 FTE additional unclassified Resource Planning Engineer (U4526) position. Personnel and associated costs estimated at \$192,154 for the biennium. More specifically:

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Public Utilities Commission - 224-3920 Schedule of Budget Adjustments Necessary for Addition of One Full-Time Resource Planning Engineer

	<u>FY 2016</u> <i>Eff 10/01/2015</i>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>Future Biennia</u>
<u>Category 01 - Personnel</u>			
Resource Planning Engineer (EA) U4526			
FY 2016 Salaries \$ (effective 10/01/2015)	\$ 61,260		\$ 163,360
FY 2017 Salaries \$		\$ 81,680	
FY 2016 Benefits \$ (effective 10/01/2015)	\$ 19,589		\$ 49,534
<u>FY 2017 Benefits \$</u>		<u>\$ 24,767</u>	
<u>TOTAL CATEGORY 01 - PERSONNEL</u>	<u>\$ 80,849</u>	<u>\$ 106,447</u>	<u>\$ 212,894</u>
<u>Category 05 - Equipment</u>			
<i>GL 8241 - New Furnishings Carson City/Las Vegas Offices:</i>			
FY 2016 - 1 Executive Units @ \$3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ -	\$ -
<u>TOTAL CATEGORY 05 - EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>\$ 3,600</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Category 26 - Information Services</u>			
<i>GL 8371 - Computer Hardware under \$5,000</i>			
FY 2016 - 1 Desktop PC's and software @ \$1,258	\$ 1,258	\$ -	\$ -
<u>TOTAL CATEGORY 26 - INFORMATION SERVICES</u>	<u>\$ 1,258</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 85,707</u>	<u>\$ 106,447</u>	<u>\$ 212,894</u>
TOTAL PERSONNEL & ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR THE BIENNIUM		<u><u>\$ 192,154</u></u>	