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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 3780-01
Bill No.: HB 1234
Subject: Public Service Commission; Utilities; Energy
Type: Original
Date: February 16, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
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| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission (PSC)** state this proposal would allow the PSC to approve programs for assisting low income ratepayers in obtaining or maintaining access to utility services as long as corporations will not have any negative financial impacts. PSC is not requesting additional resources due to this proposal.

Officials of the **Department of Economic Development - Office of the Public Counsel (OPC)** state although this bill has some impact on OPC, OPC should be able to absorb the changes; however, if the requirements of this bill are combined with additional requirements or changes OPC may incur a fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Department of Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** assume this proposal will allow the PSC to approve programs for assisting low income ratepayers in obtaining or maintaining access to utility service. DNR assumes no impact from this legislation.

Officials of the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** assume this proposal allows the PSC to approve programs for assisting low income ratepayers in obtaining or maintaining access to utility services. DOS assumes there is no direct impact on the Utilicare program that is administered by DOS. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact to DOS from this proposal.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2005 (10 Mo.) | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2005 (10 Mo.) | FY 2006 | FY 2007 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses could see energy utility rates change.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows the Missouri Public Service Commission to approve the terms and conditions of assistance programs for low-income residential customers, as proposed by electric or gas corporations. The bill also allows the commission to approve energy efficiency, weatherization, and evaluation components that are part of the proposed assistance program. All assistance programs must include provisions for adjusting rates as necessary, so that there is no negative financial impact on the electric or gas corporation.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Economic Development
Public Service Commission
Office of the Public Counsel
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Social Services

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