

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1013 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1388

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND  
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE  
11 COMMISSION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE  
16 COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99  
17 BIENNIUM."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby  
22 established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division  
23 for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees  
24 whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform  
25 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its  
26 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any  
27 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in  
28 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification  
29 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are  
30 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and  
31 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
<del>No.</del>	<del>Code</del>	<del>Title</del>	<del>Employees 1997-98 1998-99</del>

1	(1)	9993 PSC CHAIRMAN	1	\$ 82,263	\$ 84,566
2	(2)	9994 PSC COMMISSIONER	2	\$ 79,273	\$ 81,492
3	(3)	9907 PSC DIRECTOR	1	\$ 78,840	\$ 81,047
4	(4)	9745 PSC CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$ 76,706	\$ 78,853
5	(5)	9746 PSC CHIEF ADMIN LAW JUDGE	1	\$ 76,706	\$ 78,853
6	(6)	9748 PSC DIRECTOR RESEARCH & MGMT SVCS	1	\$ 74,924	\$ 77,021
7	(7)	8040 PSC CHIEF OF AUDITS	1	\$ 74,924	\$ 77,021
8	(8)	9741 PSC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	3	\$ 66,595	\$ 68,459
9	(9)	063Z PSC GENERAL COUNSEL	1		GRADE 26
10	(10)	009Z PSC GAS & WATER SECTION MANAGER	1		GRADE 25
11		984Z PSC TELECOMM UTILITIES SEC MGR	1		
12		R170 ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	9		
13	(11)	A198 PSC SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	5		GRADE 24
14		A200 PSC OPERATIONS MANAGER	1		
15		A254 PUBLIC UTILITY AUDIT MANAGER	1		
16	(12)	R480 PSC CHIEF, QUALITY OF SERVICE	1		GRADE 23
17		055Z DATA PROCESSING MANAGER	1		
18	(13)	A072 PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	7		GRADE 22
19		X456 PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	4		
20	(14)	A116 RATE ANALYST III	9		GRADE 21
21		D123 APPLICATIONS & SYSTEMS ANALYST	1		
22		D036 SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1		
23	(15)	A038 FINANCIAL ANALYST	1		GRADE 20
24		A076 PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR II	13		
25		R133 AGENCY DIRECTOR RESEARCH & STATS	1		
26		A006 ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR I	1		
27		D121 USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1		
28	(16)	X438 PSC UTILITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1		GRADE 19
29		R150 RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1		
30		K188 PSC MANAGER, COMM DOCKETS	1		
31	(17)	R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	2		GRADE 18
32		A111 ACCOUNTANT	1		
33		D128 P C SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1		
34	(18)	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	5		GRADE 17
35		X342 COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION SUPERVISOR	2		

1	X458 ENGINEER TECHNICIAN SUPERVISOR	1	
2	(19) X333 ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE 16
3	(20) X307 COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE 15
4	R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	3	
5	(21) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 14
6	K117 MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	5	
7	(22) K153 SECRETARY II	6	GRADE 13
8	(23) K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	1	GRADE 12
9	K181 MAILROOM SUPERVISOR	1	
10	(24) K103 REPROD EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE 10
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	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	108	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby  
 14 authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division  
 15 for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 16 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 17 appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time  
 18 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 19 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for  
 20 the appropriate classification.

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22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby  
 23 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from  
 24 the Public Service Commission Fund, for personal services and operating  
 25 expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for  
 26 the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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<del>ITEM</del>	<del>FISCAL YEARS</del>	
NO.	1997-98	1998-99
30 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 4,522,918	\$ 4,647,815
31 (02) EXTRA HELP	1,325	1,325
32 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	1,128,446	1,151,706
33 (04) OVERTIME	25,000	25,000
34 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
35 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	876,131	876,131

1	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	58,922	58,922
2	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000	15,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	45,164	45,900
4	(E) DATA PROC.	15,000	15,000
5	(06) BLDG REPAIR/MAINT	48,819	0
6	(07) FEDERAL REGULATORY SERVICES	290,575	290,575
7	(08) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	270,994	270,994
8	(09) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>277,713</u>	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 7,576,007</u>	<u>\$ 7,398,368</u>

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11 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 12 established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety  
 13 Program for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular  
 14 employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform  
 15 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its  
 16 successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any  
 17 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in  
 18 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification  
 19 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are  
 20 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and  
 21 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
		No. of	Fiscal Years	
Item	Class	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
No.	Code Title			
27	(1) 9747 PSC DIRECTOR OF QUALITY SERVICES	1	\$ 68,915	\$ 70,844
28	(2) R482 PSC CHIEF, PIPELINE SAFETY	1		GRADE 22
29	X456 PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	2		
30	(3) X299 DOT CORROSION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3		GRADE 18
31	(4) R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1		GRADE 17
32	(5) K117 MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	<u>1</u>		GRADE 14
33	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9		

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35 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from  
 2 the Public Service Commission Utility Safety Fund, for personal services and  
 3 operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety  
 4 ~~Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:~~

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
7 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 380,086	\$ 390,580
9 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	94,625	96,615
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	46,389	46,389
12 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	20,620	20,620
13 (C) PROF. FEES	23,229	23,229
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	23,580	22,000
15 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 588,529</u>	<u>\$ 599,433</u>

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 18 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby  
 19 established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the  
 20 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose  
 21 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
 22 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all  
 23 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
 24 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
 25 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
 26 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
 27 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
 28 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

			<del>Maximum Annual</del>	
			Maximum	Salary Rate
32 Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years
33 No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98      1998-99
34 (1)	067Z	PSC TAX DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 26
35 (2)	A150	TAX DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 23

1	(3) A121 PSC TAX DIV FINANCIAL ANALYST	1	GRADE 22
2	(4) A006 ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR I	1	GRADE 20
3	R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	2	
4	(5) R150 RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE 19
5	(6) A111 ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18
6	(7) R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	2	GRADE 17
7	(8) R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	1	GRADE 15
8	(9) K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 14
9	(10) K039 DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	<u>3</u>	GRADE 12
10	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

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12 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby authorized,  
 13 for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 1997-99  
 14 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to  
 15 be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 16 purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 17 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 18 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 19 classification.

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21 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated,  
 22 to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Tax Division  
 23 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public  
 24 ~~Service Commission - Tax Division for the biennial period ending June 30,~~  
 25 1999, the following:

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27	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
28	NO.		1997-98	1998-99
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	411,657	\$ 422,943
30	(02) EXTRA HELP		8,500	8,500
31	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING		119,427	121,438
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		108,885	112,617
34	(B) CONF. & TRVL.		5,300	5,300
35	(C) PROF. FEES		0	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,100	5,700
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 663,869</u>	<u>\$ 676,498</u>

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5 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION. There

6 is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Assessment

7 Coordination Division for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number

8 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the

9 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et

10 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,

11 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein

12 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification

13 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are

14 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and

15 ~~Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.~~

17			Maximum Annual
18		Maximum	Salary Rate
19	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
20	No. Code Title	Employees	1997-98 1998-99
21	(1) ACD DIRECTOR	1 \$	69,000 \$ 71,208
22	(2) ACD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 26
23	(3) 058Z PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COORD MGR	1	GRADE 23
24	(4) D038 SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 22
25	A032 AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	
26	(5) R008 ACD RES & ADM MANAGER	1	GRADE 21
27	(6) X390 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AUDITOR SUPV	11	GRADE 20
28	A001 INDUSTRIAL APPRAISAL SPECIALIST	1	
29	(7) D034 PROGRAMMER ANALYST	3	GRADE 18
30	X389 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AUDITOR III	8	
31	X459 RURAL LAND SPECIALIST	1	
32	(8) R430 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1	GRADE 17
33	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	
34	X387 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AUDITOR II	4	
35	(9) R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 15

1 MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 37

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3 SECTION 10. EXTRA HELP - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION. There is  
 4 hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Assessment  
 5 Coordination Division for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number  
 6 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from  
 7 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or part-time  
 8 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 9 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for  
 10 the appropriate classification.

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12 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION. There is  
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable  
 14 ~~from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and~~  
 15 operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Assessment  
 16 Coordination Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the  
 17 following:

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19 ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
20 NO.		1997-98	1998-99
21 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,200,801	\$ 1,233,578
22 (02)	EXTRA HELP	1,000	1,000
23 (03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	325,512	331,349
24 (04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	340,202	340,202
26	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	34,470	34,470
27	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,000	10,000
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
30 (05)	DP GRANTS TO COUNTIES	250,000	250,000
31 (06)	ASSESSOR'S SCHOOL	140,086	140,086
32 (07)	ASSESSMENT EDUCATION INCE	<u>96,000</u>	<u>96,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,398,071</u>	<u>\$ 2,436,685</u>

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35 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATIONS - ASSESSMENT COORDINATION DIVISION - CASH.



1 ~~There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be~~  
 2 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas  
 3 Public Service Commission, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Public  
 4 Service Commission - Assessment Coordination Division - Cash for the biennial  
 5 period ending June 30, 1995, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
8 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
9 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 18,010	\$ 18,010
11 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	11,236	11,236
12 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 29,246</u>	<u>\$ 29,246</u>

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 17 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - COUNTY ASSESSOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION  
 18 ~~PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service~~  
 19 Commission, to be payable from the County Assessors Continuing Education Trust  
 20 Fund, for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for County  
 21 Assessors by the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Assessment Coordination  
 22 Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
25 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
26 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 28,500	\$ 28,500
28 (B) CONF. & TRVL.	0	0
29 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 28,500</u>	<u>\$ 28,500</u>

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 34 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATIONS - CONTINGENCY. There is hereby  
 35 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from

1 the Public Service Commission Fund, for personal services and operating  
2 expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Contingency, for the  
3 biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

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5 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
6 NO.	1997-98	1998-99
7 (01) CONTINGENCY	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

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9 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION. In the event  
10 of unforeseen conditions, additional appropriations become necessary that are  
11 not authorized or contemplated in Section 3 of this Act and such events make  
12 it necessary that the Public Service Commission - Utilities Division receives  
13 additional appropriations to carry out the objectives of the agency, the  
14 Director of the Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to request the  
15 approval of the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as  
16 hereinafter provided, for transfer of the additional appropriations provided  
17 in Section 14 to the appropriations provided the Utilities Division by Section  
18 3, but in no event shall the transfers exceed the appropriations provided in  
19 Section 14 of this Act. Whenever the Director of the Public Service  
20 Commission deems it necessary to establish additional appropriations as  
21 authorized herein, he shall file with the Governor a written report  
22 accompanied by necessary supporting documents setting forth the facts,  
23 justifications, and circumstances that necessitate such appropriation. Upon  
24 receipt of such reports and supporting documents, the Governor, or his  
25 designee, shall study the same, and if he shall determine that such additional  
26 appropriations are being sought in strict compliance with this Act, the  
27 Governor, after seeking prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
28 the Joint Budget Committee, may approve or modify such request for additional  
29 appropriations as in his judgement he deems necessary, and shall forward a  
30 copy thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon receipt thereof,  
31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the State Auditor to  
32 process said transfer upon his books in accordance with the provisions as set  
33 out therein.

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35 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the highly

1 competitive job market conditions for utility rate case professionals and the  
 2 necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Public Service  
 3 Commission is authorized special rates of pay for current and new employees in  
 4 the classification listed under subsection (a) below.

5 (a) Special rates may be authorized up to the maximum authorized for the  
 6 grade assigned the classification of a position for the following specific  
 7 classifications only:

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9 Class

10 <u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>
11 063Z	GENERAL COUNSEL	26
12 009Z	PSC GAS AND WATER SECTION MANAGER	25
13 984Z	PSC TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY SECTION MGR	25
14 R170	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	25
15 A198	SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	24
16 A254	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDIT MANAGER	24
17 A200	PSC OPERATIONS MANAGER	24
18 R480	PSC CHIEF, QUALITY OF SERVICE	23
19 055Z	DATA PROCESSING MANAGER	23
20 R482	PSC CHIEF, PIPELINE SAFETY	22
21 A072	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR SUPV	22
22 X456	PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	22
23 A116	RATE ANALYST III	21
24 D036	SR PROGRAMMER ANALYST	21
25 D123	APPLICATIONS AND SYSTEMS ANALYST	21
26 A076	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR II	20
27 A038	FINANCIAL ANALYST	20
28 D121	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	20
29 R133	AGENCY DIR RESEARCH & STATISTICS	20
30 X438	PSC UTILITY SERVICES SUPV	19
31 A080	RATE ANALYST II	19
32 X299	DOT CORROSION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	18
33 A074	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR I	18
34 A078	RATE ANALYST I	18
35 R150	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	19

1 A006 ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR I 20  
2 R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I 18  
3 D128 COMPUTER OPERATIONS SPECIALIST 17  
4 X342 COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION SUPV 17  
5 X458 ENGINEER TECHNICIAN SUPV 17  
6 X333 ENGINEER TECHNICIAN 16

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8 (b) A monthly report shall be made to the Arkansas Legislative Council  
9 describing all personnel transactions involving applications of any of the  
10 provisions of this Section.

11 (c) This provision shall be in full force and effect for the biennium  
12 beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

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14 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance  
15 of the appropriation authorized in Item (09) of Section 3 of this Act which  
16 remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, shall be carried  
17 forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending  
18 June 30, 1999.

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20 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of  
21 the appropriation authorized for Building Repairs/Maintenance in Item (06) of  
22 Section 3 of this Act which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending  
23 June 30, 1998, shall be carried forward and made available for the same  
24 purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

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26 SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
27 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
29 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control  
32 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
33 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
3 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which  
4 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 21. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and  
11 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the  
12 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 22. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
15 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
16 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
17 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
18 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 23. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
21 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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23 SECTION 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
24 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
25 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
26 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of  
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
28 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
29 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the  
30 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
31 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
32 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
33 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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