

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (0450)

FISCAL YEAR 2019

AS ENACTED BY ACT 142 OF 2018

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Public Service Commission (PSC), through its Utilities Division, has general regulatory authority over public utilities that provide electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and sewer services to State consumers for compensation (no authority over municipals), and also monitors and inspects pipeline transmissions. Through its Tax Division, the PSC annually assesses the property of public utilities and carriers operating in the State for property taxation purposes. The Public Service Commission (PSC) has 3 gubernatorially appointed Commissioners who serve six-year overlapping terms.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for FY2019 is \$13,648,965.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the PSC are funded by fund balances, special revenues, federal funds (cost reimbursement to the Pipeline Safety Program), Ad Valorem taxes, and general revenues **if needed** (for the Tax Division).

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

No Change Level Requests

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2019: 114

Total Positions FY2018: 114

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 11 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 11)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - UTILITIES DIVISION: Authorizes the Director to request a transfer from the Department's Contingency appropriation to the Utilities Division Operations appropriation in the event of an unforeseen emergency and upon approval of the Governor, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee. Classifies the legislative prior review and approval language as non-severable language, and if the prior approval is ruled unconstitutional then the entire section is void.

REFUND TO EXPENDITURE: States the proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Public Service Commission shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure, to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION - TAX DIVISION: Authorizes the transfer of appropriation from the Contingency Line Item in the Tax Division Operations Appropriation to other line items in the same appropriation upon approval of the Governor, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee. Classifies the legislative prior review and approval language as non-

severable language, and if the prior review and approval is ruled unconstitutional then the entire section is void.