Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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2	85th General Assembly A	Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2005		HOUSE BILL	1166
4				
5	By: Joint Budget Committee			
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8	For An Act '	Fo Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROP	RIATION FOR PERSONAL		
10	SERVICES AND OPERATING E	XPENSES FOR THE ARKA	NSAS	
11	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIO	ON FOR THE BIENNIAL P	ERIOD	
12	ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AN	ID FOR OTHER PURPOSES	•	
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15	Su	btitle		
16	AN ACT FOR THE ARKANS	AS PUBLIC SERVICE		
17	COMMISSION APPROPRIAT	ION FOR THE		
18	2005-2007 BIENNIUM.			
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	ISAS:	
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23	SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - UTILI	TIES DIVISION. There	e is hereby	
24	established for the Arkansas Public Se	rvice Commission - Ut	ilities Divisio	on
25	for the 2005-2007 biennium, the follow	ing maximum number of	regular employ	yees
26	whose salaries shall be governed by th	e provisions of the U	Uniform	
27	Classification and Compensation Act (A	rkansas Code §§21-5-2	201 et seq.), o	r
28	its successor, and all laws amendatory	thereto. Provided,	however, that	any
29	position to which a specific maximum a	nnual salary is set o	out herein in	
30	dollars, shall be exempt from the prov	isions of said Unifor	rm Classificatio	on
31	and Compensation Act. All persons occ	upying positions auth	orized herein a	are
32	hereby governed by the provisions of t	he Regular Salaries H	Procedures and	
33	Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-	101), or its successo	or.	
34				
35			Maximum Annua	1
36		Maximum	Salary Rate	



1	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal	Years
2	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2005-2006	2006-2007
3	(1)	9993	PSC CHAIRMAN	1	\$103,115	\$105 , 571
4	(2)	9994	PSC COMMISSIONER	2	\$ 99,4 65	\$101,866
5	(3)	9907	PSC DIRECTOR	1	\$98 , 935	\$101 , 329
6	(4)	9746	PSC CHIEF ADMIN LAW JUDGE	1	\$96,328	\$98 , 682
7	(5)	9745	PSC CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$96,328	\$98 , 682
8	(6)	9748	PSC DIRECTOR RESEARCH & MGMT SVC	S 1	\$94,138	\$96 , 460
9	(7)	8040	PSC CHIEF OF AUDITS	1	\$94,138	\$96 , 460
10	(8)	9741	PSC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	3	\$83,832	\$85 , 974
11	(9)	063Z	PSC GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE	26
12	(10)	827Z	DP CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE	26
13	(11)	016Z	PSC DIR OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES SE	CT 1	GRADE	26
14	(12)	984Z	PSC TELECOMM UTILITIES SEC MGR	1	GRADE	25
15	(13)	R170	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	9	GRADE	25
16	(14)	R050	PUBLIC SERVICE COMM RURAL LIASON	í 1	GRADE	24
17	(15)	A198	PSC SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	5	GRADE	24
18	(16)	A200	PSC OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE	24
19	(17)	A254	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDIT MANAGER	1	GRADE	24
20	(18)	055Z	DP MANAGER	1	GRADE	23
21	(19)	R480	PSC CHIEF, QUALITY OF SERVICE	1	GRADE	23
22	(20)	A072	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR SUPERVISO	PR 7	GRADE	22
23	(21)	X456	PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	3	GRADE	22
24	(22)	A116	RATE ANALYST III	9	GRADE	21
25	(23)	D036	SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE	21
26	(24)	D121	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE	20
27	(25)	R133	AGENCY DIRECTOR RESEARCH & STATS	1	GRADE	20
28	(26)	A076	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR II	6	GRADE	20
29	(27)	A006	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR I	1	GRADE	20
30	(28)	K188	PSC MANAGER, COMM DOCKETS	1	GRADE	19
31	(29)	R150	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE	19
32	(30)	X438	PSC UTILITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE	19
33	(31)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	2	GRADE	18
34	(32)	D128	P C SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE	18
35	(33)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE	17
36	(34)	X342	COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION SUPERVI	SOR 2	GRADE	17

1	(35)	X333	ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE 16
2	(36)	X307	COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE 15
3	(37)	R009	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	3	GRADE 15
4	(38)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 14
5	(39)	K117	MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	4	GRADE 14
6	(40)	K153	SECRETARY II	2	GRADE 13
7	(41)	K181	MAILROOM SUPERVISOR	<u> </u>	GRADE 12
8		MAX.	NO. OF EMPLOYEES	90	

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10 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, 11 for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the 2005-12 2007 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary 13 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated 14 herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when 15 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform 16 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification. 17

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SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Public Service Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

25 ITEM FISCAL YEARS 26 2005-2006 NO. 2006-2007 27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES \$ 5,216,865 \$ 5,359,553 28 (02) EXTRA HELP 1,325 1,325 PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 29 (03) 1,326,804 1,353,314 30 (04) OVERTIME 25,000 25,000 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION 31 32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 1,040,997 1,040,997 33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 68,922 68,922 (C) PROF. FEES 34 15,000 15,000 35 CAP. OUTLAY 44,000 21,000 (D) 36 (E) DATA PROC. 15,000 15,000

1	(06)	BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	48,638		0
2	(07)	FED REGULATORY SERVICES	290,575	2	290,575
3	(08)	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	998,000	9	98,000
4	(09)	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	277,713		0
5		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 9,368,839</u>	<u>\$ 9,1</u>	88,686

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7 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby established 8 for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2005-2007 9 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries 10 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and 11 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and 12 all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt 13 14 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All 15 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the 16 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor. 17

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19 Maximum Annual 20 Maximum Salary Rate 21 Item Class No. of Fiscal Years 22 No. Code Title Employees 2005-2006 2006-2007 23 (1) 9143 PSC TAX DIVISION DIRECTOR 1 \$90,081 \$92,342 24 A150 TAX DIVISION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR 1 GRADE 23 (2) 25 (3) 032Z PSC TAX DIV ASST DIR/MOTOR CAR PROG 1 GRADE 23 26 (4) 909Z PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER 1 GRADE 22 27 (5) A121 PSC TAX DIV FINANCIAL ANALYST 1 GRADE 22 28 R266 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II GRADE 20 (6) 1 R150 RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST GRADE 19 29 (7) 1 30 (8) R264 MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I 1 GRADE 18 A111 ACCOUNTANT 1 GRADE 18 31 (9) 32 (10) A052 PSC TAX DIV VALUATION ANALYST II 3 GRADE 17 33 (11) A050 PSC TAX DIV VALUATION ANALYST I 3 GRADE 14 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 34 15 35

36 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the

1 Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2005-2007 biennium, 2 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known 3 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: 4 five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not 5 to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 6 or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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8 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to 9 the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Tax Division 10 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public 11 Service Commission - Tax Division for the biennial period ending June 30, 12 2007, the following:

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- 14 ITEM

FISCAL YEARS 15 2005-2006 2006-2007 NO. 16 REGULAR SALARIES \$ 529,427 \$ 544,751 (01) 17 (02) EXTRA HELP 38,238 38,238 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 18 161,019 163,903 19 (04) OVERTIME 5,000 5,000 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION 20 21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 201,359 201,359 22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 12,500 12,500 100,000 (C) PROF. FEES 23 100,000 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 24 0 0 0 0 25 (E) DATA PROC. 26 (06) CONTINGENCY 400,000 400,000 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED 27 \$ 1,447,543 \$ 1,465,751

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29 SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby 30 established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety 31 Program for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number of regular 32 employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform 33 Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or 34 its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any 35 position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in 36 dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification

and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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5				Maximu	m Annual
6			Maximum	Sala	ry Rate
7	Item C	lass	No. of	Fisca	l Years
8	No. C	ode Title	Employees	2005-2006	2006-2007
9	(1) 9	747 PSC DIRECTOR OF QUALITY SER	VICES 1	\$86 , 704	\$88,901
10	(2) R	482 PSC CHIEF, PIPELINE SAFETY	1	GRA	DE 24
11	(3) X	456 PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	3	GRA	DE 22
12	(4) X	299 DOT CORROSION PROGRAM SPECI	ALIST 3	GRA	DE 18
13	(5) R	010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	GRA	DE 17
14	М	AX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9		
15					
16	SECTI	ON 8. APPROPRIATION - PIPELINE S	AFETY PROGRAM. T	nere is he	reby
17	appropri	ated, to the Arkansas Public Ser	vice Commission,	to be pay	able from
18	the Publ	ic Service Commission Utility Sa	fety Fund, for p	ersonal se	rvices and
19	operatin	g expenses of the Arkansas Publi	c Service Commis	sion - Pip	eline
20	Safety P	rogram for the biennial period e	nding June 30, 20	007, the f	ollowing:
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22	ITEM		F	ISCAL YEAR	S
22 23	ITEM NO.		F 2005-20		S 006-2007
	NO.	GULAR SALARIES		<u>)6 2</u>	
23	<u>NO.</u> (01) RE	GULAR SALARIES RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2005-200	<u>06 2</u> 59 \$	006-2007
23 24	NO. (01) RE (02) PE		2005-200 \$ 514,70	<u>06 2</u> 59 \$	<u>006-2007</u> 529,211
23 24 25	NO. (01) RE (02) PE	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION	2005-200 \$ 514,70	06 2 59 \$ 36	<u>006-2007</u> 529,211
23 24 25 26	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,33	06 2 59 \$ 36 57	006-2007 529,211 134,053
23 24 25 26 27	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A)	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,32 93,20	2 <u>06 2</u> 59 \$ 36 57 20	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637
23 24 25 26 27 28	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B)	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,3 93,20 20,6	26 2 59 \$ 36 57 20 29	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B) (C)	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES CAP. OUTLAY	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,32 93,20 20,62 8,22	26 2 59 \$ 36 57 20 29	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620 8,229
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES CAP. OUTLAY	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,32 93,20 20,62 8,22	D6 2 59 \$ 36	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620 8,229 24,000
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES CAP. OUTLAY DATA PROC.	2005-200 \$ 514,70 131,32 93,20 20,62 8,22 24,00	D6 2 59 \$ 36	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620 8,229 24,000 0
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) TOT	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES CAP. OUTLAY DATA PROC.	2005-200 \$ 514,76 131,32 93,26 20,62 8,22 24,06 <u>\$ 792,22</u>	206 2 59 \$ 36	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620 8,229 24,000 0 805,750
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	NO. (01) RE (02) PE (03) MA (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) TOT	RSONAL SERVICES MATCHING INT. & GEN. OPERATION OPER. EXPENSE CONF. & TRAVEL PROF. FEES CAP. OUTLAY DATA PROC. AL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	2005-200 \$ 514,7 131,3 93,2 20,6 8,2 24,0 <u>\$ 792,2</u> Y. There is here	D6 2 59 \$ 36 - 57 - 20 - 29 - 00	006-2007 529,211 134,053 89,637 20,620 8,229 24,000 0 805,750 iated, to

Public Service Commission - Contingency for the biennial period ending June
 30, 2007, the following:

4	ITEM			FISCAL Y	FISCAL YEARS			
5	NO.			2005-2006	2006-2007			
6	(01)	CONTINGENCY	<u>\$</u>	1,000,000 \$	1,000,000			

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8 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 9 10 CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION. UTILITIES DIVISION. In the event of unforeseen 11 conditions, additional appropriations become necessary that are not 12 authorized or contemplated in the Utilities Division appropriation of this 13 Act and such events make it necessary that the Public Service Commission -14 Utilities Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the 15 objectives of the agency, the Director of the Public Service Commission is 16 hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief 17 Fiscal Officer of the State, as hereinafter provided, for transfer of the 18 additional appropriations provided in the Contingency appropriation to the 19 appropriations provided by the Utilities Division appropriation, but in no 20 event shall the transfers exceed the appropriations provided in the 21 Contingency appropriation of this Act. Whenever the Director of the Public 22 Service Commission deems it necessary to establish additional appropriations 23 as authorized herein, he or she shall file with the Governor a written report 24 accompanied by necessary supporting documents setting forth the facts, 25 justifications, and circumstances that necessitate such appropriation. Upon 26 receipt of such reports and supporting documents, the Governor, or his or her 27 designee, shall study the same, and if he or she shall determine that such 28 additional appropriations are being sought in strict compliance with this 29 Act, the Governor, after seeking prior review and prior approval by the 30 Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, may approve or 31 modify such request for additional appropriations as in his or her judgment 32 he or she deems necessary, and shall forward a copy thereof to the Chief 33 Fiscal Officer of the State. Upon receipt thereof, the Chief Fiscal Officer 34 of the State shall direct the State Auditor to process said transfer upon his 35 books in accordance with the provisions as set out therein. 36 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of

1 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year 2 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by 3 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and 4 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by 5 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly 6 has determined that the Public Service Commission - Utilities Division may 7 operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Public 8 Service Commission - Utilities Division authorizing broad powers under this 9 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General 10 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative 11 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The 12 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by 13 14 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional 15 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. 16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003

17 <u>2005</u> through June 30, 2005 <u>2007</u>.

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SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the highly competitive job market conditions for utility rate case professionals and the necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Public Service Commission is authorized special rates of pay for current and new employees in the classification listed under subsection (a) below.

26 (a) Special rates may be authorized up to the maximum authorized for the
27 grade assigned the classification of a position for the following specific
28 classifications only:

30	Code	Title	Grade
31	063Z	GENERAL COUNSEL	26
32	016Z	PSC DIRECTOR OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES SECTION	26
33	984Z	PSC TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY SECTION MGR	25
34	R050	PSC RURAL LIAISON	24
35	A198	SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	24
36	A254	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDIT MANAGER	24

A200	PSC OPERATIONS MANAGER	24
R480	PSC CHIEF, QUALITY OF SERVICE	23
R482	PSC CHIEF, PIPELINE SAFETY	24
A072	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR SUPV	22
X456	PSC RATE CASE ENGINEER	22
A116	RATE ANALYST III	21
A076	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR II	20
X438	PSC UTILITY SERVICES SUPV	19
A080	RATE ANALYST II	19
X299	DOT CORROSION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	18
A074	PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR I	18
A078	RATE ANALYST I	18
X458	ENGINEER TECHNICIAN SUPV	17
	R480 R482 A072 X456 A116 A076 X438 A080 X299 A074 A078	

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

17 (c) Labor market rates will be established as needed for classifications18 not covered by the provisions of this section.

19 (d) A current plan of progression should be filed with the Office of20 Personnel Management on a biennial basis.

21 This provision shall be in full force and effect for the biennium 22 beginning July 1, 2003 2005, and ending June 30, 2005 2007.

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24 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY 26 FORWARD. The Data Processing Services line item of the Utilities Division 27 appropriation is to be used for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware, 28 computer software, and technical services required for the installation, 29 maintenance, and required training associated with the purchase of computer 30 hardware and computer software. Any unexpended balance of the appropriation 31 authorized by the Data Processing Services line item in the Utilities 32 Division appropriation of this Act which remains at the close of the fiscal 33 year ending June 30, 2004 2006, shall be carried forward and made available 34 for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 2007. 35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003 36 2005 through June 30, 2005 2007.

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2 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY 4 FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of the appropriation authorized for Building 5 Repairs/Maintenance in Item (06) of Section 3 of this Act which remains at 6 the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 <u>2006</u>, shall be carried 7 forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending 8 June 30, 2005 <u>2007</u>.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003
10 2005 through June 30, 2005 2007.

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SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 12 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CONTINGENCY RESTRICTION. TAX DIVISION. In the event additional 14 15 appropriations become necessary that are not authorized or contemplated in 16 the Tax Division appropriation of this Act and specific cases, situations, 17 and/or programs make it necessary that the Arkansas Public Service Commission 18 - Tax Division receives additional appropriations to carry out the objectives 19 of the Division, the Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission is 20 hereby authorized to request the approval of the Governor and the Chief 21 Fiscal Officer of the State for transfers of the appropriations provided in 22 the Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act to 23 other line items within the Tax Division appropriation. In no event shall 24 the transfers in any fiscal year exceed the appropriations provided in the 25 Contingency line item of the Tax Division appropriation of this Act. The 26 Governor may approve or modify such request for transfer of appropriations as 27 in his or her judgment he or she deems necessary, and shall seek prior review 28 and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council and inform the Chief Fiscal 29 Officer of the State. Upon notification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the 30 State shall direct the State Auditor to process said transfer upon his or her 31 books in accordance with the provisions as set out herein.

32 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of 33 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year 34 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by 35 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and 36 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by

1 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly 2 has determined that the Public Service Commission - Tax Division may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Public Service 3 4 Commission - Tax Division authorizing broad powers under this Section. 5 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly 6 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or 7 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of 8 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a 9 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the 10 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a 11 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void. 12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003

13 2005 through June 30, 2005 2007.

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15 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND 17 BALANCES - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UTILITY SAFETY FUND AND TAX DIVISION FUND. (A) For all appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency 18 19 disbursing officer shall monitor the level of fund balances in relation to 20 expenditures on a monthly basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause 21 the Public Service Commission Utility Safety Fund to decline below four 22 hundred sixteen thousand eight hundred thirty nine dollars (\$416,839) or the 23 Tax Division Fund to decline below three hundred sixty six thousand five 24 hundred forty four dollars (\$366,544), the disbursing officer shall 25 immediately notify the executive head of the agency. Prior to any 26 obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency head shall file 27 written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State requesting 28 approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall provide sufficient 29 financial data to justify the expenditures and shall include the following: 30 1) a plan that clearly indicates the specific fiscal impact of such 31 expenditures on the fund balance. 32 2) information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut

32 2) Information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut
33 or any other measures to be taken by the agency to restore the fund balance.
34 3) the extent to which any of the planned expenditures are for one-time costs
35 or one-time purchase of capitalized items.

36 4) a statement certifying that the expenditure of fund balances will not

jeopardize the financial health of the agency, nor result in a permanent
 depletion of the fund balance.

3 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and
4 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request, after having sought
5 prior review by the Legislative Council.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003
7 <u>2005</u> through June 30, 2005 <u>2007</u>.

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SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized 9 10 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds 11 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the 12 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary 13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal 14 15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by 16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be 17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained 20 21 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act 22 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations 23 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by 24 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral 25 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or 26 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General 29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the 30 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of 31 32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in 33 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the 34 35 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being 36

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