

# Public Service Commission



## Department Description

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is an independent regulatory agency created in 1921 by Article IV, Section 21 of the Louisiana Constitution. The philosophy of the Public Service Commission is to act impartially and conduct their business openly and fairly with the highest degree of personal and professional dedication, honesty, and integrity. The Commission will remain open to innovation and improvements which are technically and economically sound, and in the public interest. They will evaluate and consider all technical tools to improve the efficiency of the Commission and simplify procedures for utility service providers and the public. The Commission will continue to evaluate its work force and organizational structure to maximize employee productivity, minimize cost, and promote the highest ethical and professional conduct.

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## Department Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	8,941,821	10,653,943	10,653,943	10,604,573	10,473,235	(180,708)
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Means of Financing</b>	<b>\$8,941,821</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,604,573</b>	<b>\$10,473,235</b>	<b>(\$180,708)</b>



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<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Public Service Commission	\$8,941,821	\$10,653,943	\$10,653,943	\$10,604,573	\$10,473,235	(\$180,708)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,941,821</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,604,573</b>	<b>\$10,473,235</b>	<b>(\$180,708)</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	77	77	77	77	77	0
Unclassified	18	18	18	18	18	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0



## 04-158-Public Service Commission

### Agency Description

The Public Service Commission's (PSC) mission is to impartially, equitably, and efficiently regulate the rates and services of public utilities and common carriers operating in the State so as to ensure safe, reliable, and reasonably priced services for consumers and provide the opportunity for a fair rate of return for the regulated utilities and common carriers and to carry out legislative mandates, such as Do Not Call regulation.

The goals of the Public Service Commission are as follows:

- Promulgate and enforce reasonable and transparent rules, regulations, and procedures for the fair and efficient regulation of public utilities and common carriers, and for carrying out constitutional and legislative mandates in the State of Louisiana.
- Continue to work with jurisdictional utilities, private industries and consumer groups to establish competitive, innovative, equitable rates for customers in an effort to grow and attract new business while preserving fair, affordable rates.
- Provide thorough and specific training to ensure PSC-wide knowledge of substantive laws, regulations, and policies pertinent to PSC regulation and proceedings.
- Facilitate advanced, innovative, economic and prudent utility infrastructure investment consistent with environmentally, technologically and economically sound practices for the benefit of Louisiana citizens and businesses.
- Modernize business applications to allow user-friendly access to PSC information and records.
- Educate consumers on issues relating to public utility, common carrier, and Do Not Call regulation.
- Provide compliance oversight to protect consumers and the public interest; take fair and appropriate action to address instances of non-compliance.
- Expedite resolution of disputes between consumers and utilities.

Act 1078 of 2003 (Women and Families): The agency is fully committed to ensuring full compliance with all human resources policies that provide assistance and support to females and families. All policies are monitored for compliance with state and federal rules and regulations. Initiatives that are presently utilized are:

- Work schedules and work hours: Availability of flexible work schedules and work hours for employees.
- Crisis Leave Pool: Accessibility to a pool of annual leave that may be used by eligible employees who cannot work due to the catastrophic illness or injury of themselves or an eligible family member, when the employee has insufficient paid leave to cover the crisis period.
- In accordance with federal law, the Department supports the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and upholds practices within those guidelines, supporting employees and families.
- Continuing to develop human resource policies to ensure that management and employees are kept abreast of human resources issues.



### Agency Budget Summary

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<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Administrative	\$3,539,342	\$4,084,030	\$4,084,030	\$4,159,125	\$4,093,054	\$9,024
Support Services	2,059,134	2,579,964	2,579,964	2,400,523	2,399,366	(180,598)
Motor Carrier Registration	455,857	745,893	745,893	591,073	590,429	(155,464)
District Offices	2,887,487	3,244,056	3,244,056	3,453,852	3,390,386	146,330
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,941,821</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,653,943</b>	<b>\$10,604,573</b>	<b>\$10,473,235</b>	<b>(\$180,708)</b>
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Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0



## 1581-Administrative

### Program Authorization

*Constitution of State of Louisiana, Article IV, Section 21; Louisiana Revised Statutes 36:721 and 722; 45:844.11 et seq*

### Program Description

The mission of the Administrative program is to provide executive leadership, fiscal, legal, information technology and general support functions, and the oversight necessary for efficient operation of the Commission resulting in achievement of the department's overall mission of regulating public utilities and common carriers.

The goals of the Administrative Program are to:

- I. Effectively manage and provide necessary administrative and operational support to all programs of the Commission through policy development, communication, and dissemination of information
- II. Provide legal services and support to all programs to ensure that all matters are processed through the Commission in a timely manner
- III. Ensure fiscal reliability and promote the use of technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- IV. Seek to ensure that Do Not Call consumer problems, issues, and complaints are sufficiently monitored and addressed efficiently.

The Administrative Program includes the following activities:

- Executive: Directs all operations of the PSC except those performed in District Offices which are under the supervision of the five elected Commissioners. The Commission currently regulates 1,000+ public utilities and common carriers. The Executive Division ensures the efficient and accountable operation of all activities within the department by providing the highest quality of leadership, professionalism, and oversight necessary to remain on the forefront of utility, common carrier, and Do Not Call regulation. At the same time, the role of the Executive Division includes monitoring, analysis, and management of state and federal legislation in regard to energy, utilities, climate change, common carriers, fiscal matters, and any other pertinent issues. Additionally, the Executive Division's expertise and leadership provides advice and counsel as well as any other necessary and/or requested support to the Commissioners.
- The Office of Executive Counsel (OEC), which includes the Legal Division, serves as the legal representative of the Commission at all levels, including all matters before the Commission, as well as in the Judicial System before the 19th Judicial Court, other state courts, and other state and federal regulatory bodies, to ensure the Commission fulfills its constitutional mandated duties. The OEC also advises the Commission in areas of administrative law, civil service regulations, public records and open meeting laws, governmental ethics issues and any other legal issues that may arise during the course of agency operations. The OEC represents the Commission in prosecuting the violators of the Do Not Call solicitation program and violations of any other constitutional or legislatively delegated program. The Legal Division represents the Commission as counsel of record in all docketed cases before the Commission, including complaints against regulated companies, Commission investigations, rate cases, and rulemaking proceedings. Legal Staff is responsible for accurate and orderly processing of all formal proceedings that are acted upon by the Commission, including investigations and issuing discovery regarding complaints and applications; prosecutes regulated entities for violating orders, rules, and regulations; develops regulatory plans; assists in the determination of the opportunity for earnings of regulated entities; and drafts Commission Orders, which formalize Commission decisions. In addition to the above, Legal Staff initiates and issues recommendations and proposals in rulemaking dockets, which ultimately result in regulations applicable to regulated entities.
- The Management and Finance division is responsible for providing services necessary to the overall operation of the Commission. The division consists of the following:

- **Fiscal:** Fiscal successfully manages accounts payable and receivable, revenue collection and classification of approximately \$10 million annually; accountable for property control, fleet management program, supplies, inventory, and the safety program. Staff is responsible for managing the department's appropriation by compiling the necessary information for budget development, budget projections, and monitoring budget changes through expenditures, revenue collections, legislation and mid-year budget adjustments.
- **Human Resources:** Provides a positive service experience for the PSC through the management of all personnel matters, including ensuring compliance with Civil Service Rules and applicable State and Federal laws.
- **Information Technology:** Provides exceptional end user support, delivers high quality custom applications and solutions while maintaining a innovative, reliable and secure computing environment.
- **The "Do Not Call" (DNC) Program** was created by the "Telephone Solicitation Relief Act of 2001," which recognized that becoming a residential telephone subscriber should not undermine or lessen a person's right of privacy and found that there was a compelling state interest to protect the privacy of such subscribers who wish to avoid unsolicited and unwanted telephone solicitations. As a result, the "Do Not Call General Order" (DNC GO) was developed to provide the rules and regulations necessary to implement this program activity, and as of January 1, 2002, the DNC Program has been providing this protection for our residents. There is no cost to any Louisiana taxpayer or consumers that choose to participate in the program. Businesses that wish to offer their products or services by telephone must operate in compliance with the DNC GO. Absent an authorized exemption, these companies pay a fee to register and obtain the information they need to prevent making calls in violation of the DNC Program. Consumers registered with the program may submit complaints reporting any non-exempt solicitation they receive. A telemarketer that operates in violation of the DNC GO can be cited, and ultimately be required to pay significant penalties. Such penalties provide a real deterrent to unauthorized infringement of our consumer's privacy. Enforcement investigations of complaints are conducted, using all available resources. Staff members are trained, knowledgeable, and able to respond to questions regarding not only DNC issues, but the frequently related subjects of fraud and identity theft, debt collection, and market research. In declared states of emergency, the DNC GO provides for a suspension of all telephonic solicitation. This action can be crucial when phone lines are compromised and resources must be reserved for vital emergency response communications.

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<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	3,539,342	4,084,030	4,084,030	4,159,125	4,093,054	9,024
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$3,539,342</b>	<b>\$4,084,030</b>	<b>\$4,084,030</b>	<b>\$4,159,125</b>	<b>\$4,093,054</b>	<b>\$9,024</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$2,952,295	\$3,379,884	\$3,379,884	\$3,466,072	\$3,400,373	\$20,489
Operating Expenses	84,071	117,801	117,801	123,870	121,031	3,230
Professional Services	0	5,000	5,000	5,121	5,000	0
Other Charges	487,130	541,010	541,010	523,931	526,519	(14,491)
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	15,846	40,335	40,335	40,131	40,131	(204)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$3,539,342</b>	<b>\$4,084,030</b>	<b>\$4,084,030</b>	<b>\$4,159,125</b>	<b>\$4,093,054</b>	<b>\$9,024</b>



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<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	28	28	28	28	28	0
Unclassified	3	3	3	3	3	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Source of Funding

This program is funded with the following:

- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Telephonic Solicitation Relief Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:844.14)
  - Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:1177)

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$4,084,030	31	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023

#### Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$40,131	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$65,699)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$760)	0	Capitol Park Security
\$0	\$2,588	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$15,424	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$8,152	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$4,988	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	(\$95)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$0	\$72,580	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$40,335)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$452)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$7,787	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$0	\$32,120	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	\$3,595	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	(\$130,234)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$940)	0	Risk Management
\$0	\$83,158	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$314)	0	UPS Fees
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$31,694</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Statewide</b>

#### Non-Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$3,230	0	Annual increases in regulatory membership dues, software maintenance, and Westlaw online.
\$0	(\$25,900)	0	This request is for a decrease in the Do Not Call Program contract costs and Information Technology maintenance costs.
<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$22,670)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,093,054</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total Recommended</b>



### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Utility and Carrier Inspection	\$3,337,286	\$3,858,944	\$3,858,944	\$3,958,953	\$3,893,308	\$34,364
Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund	202,056	225,086	225,086	200,172	199,746	(25,340)

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
	<b>Professional Services:</b>
\$5,000	Miscellaneous legal services
\$5,000	<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Other Charges:</b>
\$6,500	Do Not Call Program - Issuance of subpoenas of telephone records for enforcement purposes.. Telephonic Solicitation Relief per Act 40 of the Regular Session of 2001. The Do Not Call Program was designed to reduce the number of unwanted telephone solicitation calls to residential telephone subscribers
\$19,550	Power Outage Mapping Contract - This system allows agency to import forecasted storm tracks and perform data queries to efficiently identify electric power provider and/or operational status during storm events and through the recovery phase. The system also manages data associated with carrier service outage and restoration.
\$26,050	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$26,552	Civil Service
\$10,600	DEQ - EBRPSO Security Cost Allocation
\$41,250	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$52,392	Office of Technology Services (OTS) Fees
\$5,800	Office of Technology Services - Postage and mail services
\$200	Office of Technology Services - Printing services
\$61,205	Office of Technology Services - Telephone and Data Services
\$206,506	Rent In State Owned Buildings
\$47,832	Office of Risk Management (ORM)
\$43,321	Capitol Park Security
\$603	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$4,208	Uniform Payroll System (UPS)
\$500,469	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
\$526,519	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	<b>Acquisitions and Major Repairs:</b>
\$24,781	Replacement of one (1) vehicle
\$15,350	Replacement of computer equipment and software, law library/reference materials, and office equipment
\$40,131	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>





**Objective: 1581-01** Through the Executive activity, provide the leadership and oversight necessary to efficiently and effectively achieve the objectives established for all department programs.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of program objectives achieved	84.6	92.3	92.3	92.3	92.3
[K] Percentage of outage reports and outage maps provided to the GOHSEP by established deadlines or as required	0	100	100	100	100
[S] Number of days activated/mandated	0	0	0	0	0
[S] Number of days reports submitted timely	0	0	0	0	0

**Objective: 1581-02** Through the Management and Finance activity, ensures fiscal reliability, and maximize human resource assets to Department in accordance with state regulations, and prevent audit findings.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of annual premium credit from ORM	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9
[S] Number of repeat reportable audit findings	0	0	0	0	0
[S] Number of repeat reportable Civil Service audit findings	0	0	0	0	0
[K] Percentage of requests for software development scheduled within 5 business days	100	98	98	98	98
[K] Percentage of helpdesk requests completed within 2 business days	97.4	98	98	98	98
[S] Number of software development requests	4	5	5	4	4
[S] Number of helpdesk requests received	313	500	500	400	400
[S] Savings resulting from annual premium credit	\$2,223	\$2,625	\$2,625	\$2,411	\$2,411

**Objective: 1581-03** Through the Office of Executive Counsel activity, provide the skilled representation to the Commission to efficiently and effectively achieve the objectives established by the Commission in a timely and efficient manner in furtherance of the Commission's constitutional and legislative mandates.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of rate cases completed in one year	73.1	82	82	82	82
[S] Number of orders issued	90	78	78	78	78
[K] Percentage of Division orders issued within 30 days	91.1	85	85	85	85
[S] Number of rate cases heard	26	20	20	20	20
[K] Average number of days to issue orders	23.6	27	27	27	27
[S] Average length of time to complete rate cases (months)	11.3	10	10	10	10



**Objective: 1581-04** Through the Do Not Call activity, achieve a resolution rate of at least 95% of complaints received by the Do Not Call Program within 100 business days of receipt of complete information.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[S] Number of complaints received	9	20	20	20	20
[S] Number of complaints resolved.	4	17	17	17	17
[S] Average number of days to process complaints.	1	20	20	20	20
[K] Percentage of complaints resolved within 100 business days	44.4	95	95	95	95

## General Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator Name	Prior Year Actuals FY 2018-2019	Prior Year Actuals FY 2019-2020	Prior Year Actuals FY 2020-2021	Prior Year Actuals FY 2021-2022	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023
Number of registered solicitors (telemarketers)	1,672	1,471	2,118	1,498	1,441
Amount of solicitor registration collections	\$231,700	\$217,000	\$232,301	\$230,401	\$227,700
Number of registered residential telephone subscribers	3,300,629	3,333,419	3,361,626	3,393,190	3,425,751
Amount of collections from solicitor violations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## 1582-Support Services

### Program Authorization

*Constitution of State of Louisiana, Article IV, Section 21; Louisiana Revised Statutes 36:721 and 722; 45:1161 et seq; 45:1177 (A)(2) and (3) and (C); 45:1177.1; 45:1177.1; 45:1180 and 45:1181 (A), et seq.*

### Program Description

The mission of the Support Services Program is to review, analyze, and investigate rates, as well as charges filed before the Commission with respect to prudence and adequacy of those rates; to manage the progress of adjudicatory proceedings and conduct evidentiary hearings in an impartial, fair, professional, and orderly manner; and to make rulings and recommendations to the Commissioners which are just and generate the highest degree of public confidence in the Commission's integrity and fairness.

The goals of the Support Services Program are to:

- I. Ensure that jurisdictional companies' rates are fair and reasonable to the consumer and provide the opportunity for a fair rate of return to the company by providing the Commission with accurate reporting of regulated utility and common carrier companies' financial condition; level of earnings; rate of return; adherence to federal, state, local and Public Service Commission laws, regulations, and guidelines to assist in decision-making responsibilities.
- II. Ensure that all parties to adjudicatory hearings are provided a fair and impartial hearing, orderly progress of the case, a complete record, and a sound decision.

The Administrative Program includes the following activities:

- **Utilities:** The State Constitution establishes the Commission's authority to regulate public utilities and common carriers. The Utilities Division, which oversees the Audit Division, is tasked with the implementation of this mandate. The Utilities Division is responsible for the maintenance of all rate schedules and terms of service filings of all regulated utilities and telecommunication service providers, including overall historical records of rates, terms of service, and correspondence filings. The Utilities Division maintains and manages the annual reports, compliance reports, and other reports required to be filed by the utilities and telecommunications service providers subject to Commission authority. It assists and advises other staff members, consumers, and industry representatives on a wide variety of utility related topics which could include Commission initiated or third party requested investigations. It also provides to the public, industry, and governmental agencies statistical data such as utility rate and fee comparisons, fuel and natural gas costs, and utility outages during state declared emergencies. With the assistance of the Audit Division, the Utilities Division examines and audits electric utility fuel adjustments and local distribution gas utility purchases of natural gas. The Audit Division provides the Commission with financial and compliance audit expertise. During the course of conducting its review and analysis of rate increase proposals and Rate Stabilization Plan (RSP) annual filings, the Audit Division determines the accuracy of the regulated company's overall results of operations, rate base, and rates of return on equity and capital, upon which consumer rates are based. The Audit Division conducts cost of capital studies, as necessary, and issues reports and makes recommendations on utility rates to the Commission, to ensure that consumers pay fair and reasonable rates and regulated utilities have the opportunity to earn a reasonable return on their investment. The Audit Division also reviews and analyzes site specific utility rate filings and utility asset management agreements, which impact economic development in the state. In addition to conducting rate increase reviews for regulated utilities, the Audit Division is also responsible for conducting reviews and analyses for rate increase proposals of regulated common carriers, including passenger, waste hauling, household goods moving, non-consensual towing, and pipeline services. The Audit Division also conducts annual audits to determine whether common carriers and public utilities regulated by the PSC are compliant with all Inspection and Supervision Fee (ISF) filings and payments, as required by Louisiana R.S. 45:1177.



- **Administrative Hearings:** The Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) conducts fair and impartial public evidentiary hearings on complex issues within the Commission's jurisdiction, creates a public record and transcript of the proceedings, prepares proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law for consideration by the Commissioners in making final decisions, and renders final decisions where such authority has been delegated by the Commission. The utility cases handled by the AHD are quite possibly the most complex and financially significant of any cases currently handled by administrative law judges (or the equivalent thereof) in any Louisiana state agency. The AHD handles cases that: (1) have statewide application - affecting citizens, public utilities, certain common carriers, industries, and commercial enterprises throughout the state; (2) have significant impact on economic development in the state including whether Louisiana is perceived as favorable to business and industry; (3) are extremely technical, involving testimony presented predominantly by expert witnesses; (4) are monetarily significant - resulting in multi-million and billion dollar decisions; and (5) involve constitutionally protected property rights. Through a delegation of authority from the Commissioners, the administrative law judges issue subpoenas; administer oaths; convene status conferences and prehearing conferences; establish procedural schedules; preside over hearings; compel discovery; examine witnesses; make evidentiary rulings; accept testimony and exhibits into evidence; require the filing of memoranda of law and the presentation of oral argument; receive offers of proof; submit written proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Commissioners; make final determinations in proceedings where the Commissioners have delegated such authority; render interlocutory rulings on motions, exceptions and other preliminary matters; and prepare orders. Court reporters record all hearings and Commission Business and Executive Sessions and prepare verbatim transcripts as well as assemble hearing exhibits admitted or proffered into the record by the parties for all hearings; transcripts and exhibits are made available to the public and utilized in the Commission's decision-making and become part of the official record if a Commission decision is appealed.

## Program Budget Summary

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<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	2,059,134	2,579,964	2,579,964	2,400,523	2,399,366	(180,598)
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$2,059,134</b>	<b>\$2,579,964</b>	<b>\$2,579,964</b>	<b>\$2,400,523</b>	<b>\$2,399,366</b>	<b>(\$180,598)</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$1,887,251	\$2,367,145	\$2,367,145	\$2,206,502	\$2,206,502	(\$160,643)
Operating Expenses	33,378	48,006	48,006	50,808	49,651	1,645
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges	127,910	135,713	135,713	135,713	135,713	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	10,595	29,100	29,100	7,500	7,500	(21,600)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$2,059,134</b>	<b>\$2,579,964</b>	<b>\$2,579,964</b>	<b>\$2,400,523</b>	<b>\$2,399,366</b>	<b>(\$180,598)</b>
<b>Authorized Positions</b>						
Classified	21	21	21	21	21	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Source of Funding

This program is funded with:

- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:1177)

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$2,579,964	21	<b>Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023</b>
<b>Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$4,816	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$4,961	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$4,156	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$48,799	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$29,100)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$72,145)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$80,442)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$70,788)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$189,743)	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>
<b>Non-Statewide Adjustments</b>			
\$0	\$1,645	0	Annual increases in regulatory membership dues, software maintenance, and Westlaw online.
\$0	\$7,500	0	Replacement of computers and software throughout the agency that are over 5 years old.
\$0	\$9,145	0	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$0	\$2,399,366	21	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY 2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Utility and Carrier Inspection	\$2,059,134	\$2,579,964	\$2,579,964	\$2,400,523	\$2,399,366	(\$180,598)

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
<b>Professional Services:</b>	
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
<b>Other Charges:</b>	
\$8,000	Valance Case Management - Enhancements to the PSC Case Management application. The application includes full agency automation and case management functionality. This includes electronic filing of tariffs and applications, electronic routing, and management of dockets, agendas, calendars, hearings, PSC meetings, digital signatures and fees. The system has been designed to facilitate all aspects of electronic filing from the initial application through the complete life of the filing.
\$1,250	Shredding services
\$9,250	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>	
\$2,400	Office of Technology Services (OTS) - Email Services
\$2,800	Office of Technology Services - Postage and Mail Services



**Other Charges**

Amount	Description
\$26,025	Office of Technology Services - Telephone and Data Services
\$95,238	Rent In-state owned Buildings
<b>\$126,463</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$135,713</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

**Acquisitions and Major Repairs**

Amount	Description
<b>Acquisitions and Major Repairs:</b>	
\$7,500	Replacement of computer equipment and software, law library/reference materials, and office equipment
<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 1582-01** Through the Utilities activity, generate \$110 million in direct and indirect savings to utilities rate payers through prudent review of existing and proposed rate schedules.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[S] Number of utility rate filings	33	25	25	30	30
[K] Indirect savings to rate payers (millions)	\$144.82	\$10	\$10	\$50	\$50
[K] Direct savings to rate payers (millions)	\$27.32	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100

**Objective: 1582-02** Through the Administrative Hearings activity, ensure 98% of proposed recommendations to the Commissioners are issued within 120 days of close of record following each public hearing.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of recommendations issued within 120 days	100	98	98	98	98
[S] Average length of time to issue proposed recommendation	6.3	20	20	20	20
[S] Number of cases heard	53	150	150	150	150
[S] Number of recommendations issued	124	175	175	175	175



**Objective: 1582-03** Through the Administrative Hearings activity, ensure that at least 95% of Public Service Commission orders assigned to division will be issued within 30 days of decision.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of Division orders issued within 30 days	100	95	95	95	95
[S] Average number of days to issue orders	1.6	10	10	10	10
[S] Number of orders issued	110	175	175	175	175



## 1583-Motor Carrier Registration

### Program Authorization

*Constitution of State of Louisiana, Article IV, Section 21; Louisiana Revised Statutes 36:721 and 722; 45:161 et seq*

### Program Description

The mission of the Motor Carrier Registration Program is to provide fair and impartial regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire.

The goals of the Motor Carrier Registration Program are:

- I. Administer the rules and orders of the Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services.
- II. More effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements; thus, protecting the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory rates and charges.

The Motor Carrier Registration Program includes the following activity:

- The Motor Carrier Division activity fulfills its constitutional and statutory mandates by providing fair and impartial regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. The Division administers and enforces the rules and orders of the Commission and the laws of Louisiana to assure the public has safe, dependable and reasonably priced transportation services provided by the carriers of household goods, waste, passengers, pipelines, and by the providers of non-consensual towing and recovery. The Division regulates approximately 800+ common carriers statewide. Staff receives and processes applications for authority. By statute, carriers of waste must apply to the Commission for authority and prove fitness in a hearing. Waste applicants are assisted with their application and the hearing process, if necessary. If the waste applicant proves fitness and the authority is granted, the applicant is assisted with the registration process. All other applicants, which includes carriers of household goods, passengers, saltwater, pipelines and providers of non-consensual towing and recovery, are required to receive Staff approval for the issuance of authority, and are assisted with the registration process. Staff maintains insurance filings on all certificated carriers verifying that said carriers have continuously effective insurance coverage as required by law. Staff receives and reviews Annual Reports from all certificated carriers assuring that said carriers are financially viable and able to provide the services to the public for which they were granted authority. Staff receives and reviews request for pipeline rate increases assuring that said pipelines charge rates that are just and reasonable, and not unreasonably discriminatory, for services offered under the same or similar circumstances. Enforcement includes audits of licensed waste disposal sites and the investigation of consumer and motor carrier complaints. Citations are issued to carriers and shippers when it is determined that the rules of the Commission and the laws of Louisiana have been violated. The Motor Carrier Division also provides an ongoing review of all motor carrier and pipeline regulations through the Commission's rulemaking process to continually meet the needs of the public, including regulated carriers.

### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	455,857	745,893	745,893	591,073	590,429	(155,464)





### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$455,857</b>	<b>\$745,893</b>	<b>\$745,893</b>	<b>\$591,073</b>	<b>\$590,429</b>	<b>(\$155,464)</b>

#### Expenditures and Request:

Personnel Services	\$369,899	\$631,953	\$631,953	\$476,889	\$476,889	(\$155,064)
Operating Expenses	22,261	26,715	26,715	27,359	26,715	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges	62,719	85,775	85,775	85,775	85,775	0
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	978	1,450	1,450	1,050	1,050	(400)
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$455,857</b>	<b>\$745,893</b>	<b>\$745,893</b>	<b>\$591,073</b>	<b>\$590,429</b>	<b>(\$155,464)</b>

#### Authorized Positions

Classified	6	6	6	6	6	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Source of Funding

This program is funded with:

- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Motor Carrier Regulation Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:169.1)
  - Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:1177).

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$745,893	6	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023

#### Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$7,314	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$696	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$1,330	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$12,754	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$1,450)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$69,688)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$18,472)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	(\$88,998)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$156,514)	0	<b>Total Statewide</b>

#### Non-Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$1,050	0	Replacement of computers and software throughout the agency that are over 5 years old.
\$0	\$1,050	0	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
\$0	\$590,429	6	<b>Total Recommended</b>



### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	\$202,348	\$227,490	\$227,490	\$227,490	\$227,490	\$0
Utility and Carrier Inspection	253,510	518,403	518,403	363,583	362,939	(155,464)

### Professional Services

Amount	Description
	<b>Professional Services:</b>
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Other Charges:</b>
\$25,000	Valance Case Management: Enhancements to the PSC Case Management application. The application includes full agency automation and case management functionality. This includes electronic filing of tariffs and applications, electronic routing, and management of dockets, agendas, calendars, hearings, PSC meetings, digital signatures and fees. The system has been designed to facilitate all aspects of electronic filing from the initial application through the complete life of the filing.
<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$17,093	Office of Technology Services - Postage and Mail Services
\$2,100	Office of Technology Services - Email Services
\$1,900	Office of Technology Services - Telephone and Data Services
\$39,682	Rent In-state Owned Buildings
<b>\$60,775</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$85,775</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	<b>Acquisitions and Major Repairs:</b>
\$1,050	Replacement of law library reference materials
<b>\$1,050</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 1583-01** Through the Motor Carrier activity, provide timely service by processing 100% of all applications within 5 days of receipt of complete information.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of all applications processed within 5 days	100	100	100	100	100
[S] Number of applications received	1,966	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
[S] Number of registrations processed within 5 days	1,966	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000



**Objective: 1583-02** Through the Motor Carrier activity, achieve a resolution rate of at least 90% of complaints received and investigations conducted by the Division within 45 business days of receipt of complete information.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of complaints and investigations resolved within 45 days	78.3	90	90	90	90
[S] Number of complaints received	69	75	75	75	75
[S] Number of complaints resolved	61	68	68	68	68
[S] Average number of days to process complaints	25.7	30	30	30	30

**Objective: 1583-03** Ensure that at least 95% of Public Service Commission orders assigned to division will be issued within 30 days of decision.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of Division orders issued within 30 days	90.6	95	95	95	95
[S] Average number of days to issue orders	9	8	8	8	8
[S] Number of orders issued	65	100	100	100	100

**Objective: 1583-04** Through the Motor Carrier activity provide timely service by processing 90% of all pipeline rate increase requests within one year of receipt of complete information.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Percentage of pipeline rate requests completed in one year	97.6	90	90	90	90
[S] Number of pipeline rate increases received	41	50	50	50	50
[S] Number of pipeline rate requests completed	40	45	45	45	45
[S] Average length of time to complete pipeline rate requests	3.3	14	14	14	14



## 1584-District Offices

### Program Authorization

*Constitution of the State of Louisiana, Article IV, Section 21; Louisiana Revised Statutes 36:721; 45:1161 et seq*

### Program Description

The mission of the District Offices is to provide accessibility and information to the public on regulation as it applies to the services provided the consumer.

The goals of the District Offices Program are:

- I. Provide effective and efficient services to ensure that consumer problems, issues, and complaints are sufficiently monitored and addressed in a timely manner.
- II. Promote fair regulation of the public utilities and common carriers operating in the State of Louisiana.

The District Offices Program includes the following activities:

- Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five: The Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates 1,000+ public utilities and common carriers and serves over two million direct and countless others who benefit indirectly. The regulation of such public utilities is critical to the economic climate and quality of life for all citizens of Louisiana. The public as well as business and industry has easy access to the services of the PSC via District Offices located strategically across Louisiana. The five elected Commissioners maintain and promote accessibility and information to the public. Accessible, effective and efficient services ensure that consumer problems, issues, and complaints are addressed in a timely manner. The fair, equitable regulation of the public utilities and motor carriers and the service to those companies regulated by the PSC is constant. District Offices work in concert with the PSC Central Office to protect the ratepayer as well as to provide services to the citizens and regulated companies while promoting regulatory balances. Regulatory balance begets safe, reliable, service with reasonable, fair rates to the consumer and allows the utilities an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on their investment. For over 100 years, the PSC has regulated public utilities and common carriers in a firm but fair manner to ensure that the regulated community is provided the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return and Louisiana consumers enjoy low rates and high quality service.

### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
<b>Means of Finance:</b>						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State General Fund by:</b>						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-generated	2,887,487	3,244,056	3,244,056	3,453,852	3,390,386	146,330
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Means of Finance</b>	<b>\$2,887,487</b>	<b>\$3,244,056</b>	<b>\$3,244,056</b>	<b>\$3,453,852</b>	<b>\$3,390,386</b>	<b>\$146,330</b>
<b>Expenditures and Request:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$2,430,826	\$2,733,480	\$2,733,480	\$2,902,896	\$2,847,779	\$114,299
Operating Expenses	306,080	346,408	346,408	411,457	403,108	56,700
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges	138,485	147,618	147,618	88,818	88,818	(58,800)

### Program Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Acquisitions & Major Repairs	12,096	16,550	16,550	50,681	50,681	34,131
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Request</b>	<b>\$2,887,487</b>	<b>\$3,244,056</b>	<b>\$3,244,056</b>	<b>\$3,453,852</b>	<b>\$3,390,386</b>	<b>\$146,330</b>

#### Authorized Positions

Classified	22	22	22	22	22	0
Unclassified	15	15	15	15	15	0
<b>Total Authorized Positions</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>
Authorized Other Charges Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Source of Funding

This program is funded with:

- Funds re-classified as Fees and Self-generated Revenues:
  - Utility and Carrier Inspection and Supervision Dedicated Fund Account (R.S. 45:1177)

### Adjustments from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$0	\$3,244,056	37	Existing Operating Budget as of 12/01/2023

#### Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$39,631	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$55,117)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$4,182	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$0	\$9,599	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$0	\$2,328	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$32,366	0	Market Rate Classified
\$0	(\$16,550)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	\$112,391	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$52,500)	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
\$0	(\$108,263)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
\$0	\$116,813	0	Salary Base Adjustment
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$84,880</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Statewide</b>

#### Non-Statewide Adjustments

\$0	\$56,700	0	Provides for increased costs in rent for FY 2024-2025.
\$0	\$11,050	0	Replacement of computers and software throughout the agency that are over 5 years old.
\$0	(\$6,300)	0	This request is for a decrease in the Do Not Call Program contract costs and Information Technology maintenance costs.
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$61,450</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total Non-Statewide</b>
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,390,386</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Total Recommended</b>

### Fees & Self-generated

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2022-2023	Enacted FY2023-2024	Existing Operating Budget (EOB) as of 12/01/23	Continuation FY 2024-2025	Recommended FY 2024-2025	Total Recommended Over/(Under) EOB
Utility and Carrier Inspection	\$2,887,487	\$3,244,056	\$3,244,056	\$3,453,852	\$3,390,386	\$146,330



### Professional Services

Amount	Description
	<b>Professional Services:</b>
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services

### Other Charges

Amount	Description
	<b>Other Charges:</b>
\$19,000	Broadcast of the Commissioner's Business and Executive Sessions for the general public unable to attend meetings.
\$1,000	Information Technology system maintenance and support.
<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>
	<b>Interagency Transfers:</b>
\$2,835	Office of Technology Services - Email Services
\$1,000	Office of Technology Services - Printing Services
\$9,586	Office of Technology Services - Telephone and Data Services
\$55,397	Rent In-state Owned Buildings
<b>\$68,818</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS</b>
<b>\$88,818</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER CHARGES</b>

### Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
	<b>Acquisitions and Major Repairs:</b>
\$24,781	Replacement of one (1) vehicle
\$25,900	Replacement of computer equipment, and office equipment
<b>\$50,681</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS</b>

**Objective: 1584-01** Through the District Office activity, ensure that 95% of all complaints that arise between regulated utilities and their customers are resolved within forty-five (45) business days of formal notification to the utility.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[S] Average length of time to process complaints in District 1 (in days)	8.1	6	6	6	6
[S] Average length of time to process complaints in District 2 (in days)	18.9	10	10	12	12
[S] Average length of time to process complaints in District 3 (in days)	14.8	30	30	30	30
[S] Average length of time to process complaints in District 4 (in days)	7.2	10	10	10	10
[S] Average length of time to process complaints in District 5 (in days)	6.1	8	8	8	8
[K] Percent of complaints resolved within 45 business days	96.8	95	95	95	95
[S] Number of complaints in District 1	1,064	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050
[S] Number of complaints in District 2	1,622	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
[S] Number of complaints in District 3	592	620	620	600	600
[S] Number of complaints in District 4	1,701	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
[S] Number of complaints in District 5	2,816	2,300	2,300	2,500	2,500
[S] Total number of complaints received	7,795	7,770	7,770	7,950	7,950



**Objective: 1584-02** Through the District Office activity, to maintain a system of regulation of utilities and motor carriers such that no more than two successful legal challenges are made to the orders promulgated by the commission.

**Children's Budget Link** N/A

**HR Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link** N/A

**Other Links (TANF, Tobacco Settlement, Workforce Development Commission, or Other)** N/A

Performance Indicator Name	Actuals FY 22-23	Initially Appropriated FY 23-24	Existing Standard FY 23-24	Continuation Budget FY 24-25	Executive Budget FY 24-25
[K] Number of successful legal challenges	0	0	0	0	0
[S] Number of orders promulgated	265	275	275	275	275



