

State Corporation Commission 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2398

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Athey

3. Committee House Floor

4. Title Approval of utility lines; plan for undergrounding lines.

5. Summary/Purpose: Approval of utility lines; identification of alternatives to the erection of new towers and acquisition of new right-of-way for proposed line. Requires a utility seeking State Corporation Commission approval of a certain 500 KV electrical transmission line to identify alternatives in its application of the Commission that avoids the erection of new towers, including at a minimum, the installation of the line underground, and other measures as the utility may propose to increase the capacity of existing facilities to the extent necessary to avoid building new towers or acquiring additional right-of-way. The Commission is authorized to condition approval of the application upon the utility's agreement to adopt any or all of the identified alternatives that the Commission finds are in the public interest.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No significant impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: Not aware of necessity.

8. Fiscal implications: No significant impact.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical amendment necessary: Not aware of necessity.

11. Other comments: Engrossment was refused on February 3, 2007.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade