

State Corporation Commission 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2614

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron May

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Construction of electrical utility facilities; review by State Corporation Commission.

5. Summary/Purpose: Construction of electrical utility facilities; review of transmission line applications by State Corporation Commission. Requires the State Corporation Commission to verify the load flow modeling, contingency analyses, and reliability needs that are presented by the applicant to justify the new line and its proposed method of installation. The bill also will require a public utility to provide a GIS map of any proposed improvement or extension that the Commission shall make publicly available on its website. The utilities are currently required to provide a map, but the Code does not specify that it must be a GIS map.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Not available. See Item # 8 below.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: There is a potentially moderate impact. Depending on the extent of verification of load flow studies and contingency analyses envisioned by this bill, implementation may require up to two additional State Corporation Commission staff electrical engineers, load flow modeling software, and technical training, or alternatively, external consulting services.

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

10. Technical amendment necessary: Not aware of any.

11. Other comments: This bill amends § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia, also amended by Senate Bill 1362, but the two bills are NOT identical.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade