

State Corporation Commission 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1319

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: May

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: **Underground transmission lines; pilot program established.**

- 5. Summary:** Underground transmission lines; pilot program. Establishes a pilot program for the placement of four new transmission lines, three that are applied for between the enactment of this legislation and July 1, 2012, to be placed underground, either in whole or in part. The bill specifically provides for undergrounding 1.8 miles of the 230 kV Pleasant View-Hamilton transmission line as one of the four projects. Requires the State Corporation Commission to approve as a qualifying project (as the fourth line in this pilot program) a transmission line of 230 kilovolts or less that has received a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the State Corporation Commission prior to the effective date of this legislation that approved construction of an electrical transmission line in a right of way located upon land owned by a regional park authority used by the general public for park and recreation purposes – provided the construction of such electrical transmission line has not commenced prior to the effective date of this legislation. The project shall be constructed in part underground (1.8 miles), and the underground portion shall consist of a double circuit. The bill establishes criteria for the State Corporation Commission to consider and procedures for the State Corporation Commission to follow in selecting the three remaining projects. There is an emergency clause on this bill.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Not available. See Item 8.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The fiscal implications of this bill are unknown at this time. Additional cost of undergrounding the selected pilot program transmission lines will be paid by the utility's ratepayers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary:

- 11. Other Comments:** The State Corporation Commission (SCC) shall report annually on the progress of the pilot program no later than December 1 of each year that the legislation is in effect. No later than December 1, 2012, SCC is to submit a final report analyzing the entire program. This is a "Section 1" bill. There is an emergency clause on this bill.

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cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade