

State Corporation Commission 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2277

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Bowling

3. Committee: Counties, Cities and Towns

4. Title: **Natural gas distribution service by municipalities and authorities.**

5. Summary: Natural gas distribution service by municipalities and authorities. Authorizes a municipal corporation or public service authority created under the Virginia Water and Sewer Authorities Act to purchase natural gas for resale from any public utility that is certificated to provide natural gas distribution service within the Commonwealth. The municipality or authority may provide natural gas distribution service within any area of a county that is adjacent to the boundaries of the municipal corporation or any political subdivision that is a member of the public service authority, if the area is not within the certificated territory assigned to a public utility for the provision of natural gas service. The municipality or authority is required to notify the State Corporation Commission but is not required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity before providing such service in the area. A municipality or authority that undertakes to provide gas service within such area shall have the same rights as a public service authority to acquire and maintain any lines, pipelines, or other improvements necessary or appropriate for the provision of natural gas distribution service, by condemnation or otherwise, to the same extent that apply to a public service authority in its provision of water and sewer service.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None on the State Corporation Commission

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Certain municipalities and public service authorities; State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/20/09

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade