

State Corporation Commission 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1349

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

2. Patron: Wagner

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Electric utility regulation; suspension of reviews of earnings.

5. Summary: Electric utility regulation; suspension of reviews of earnings. Bars the State Corporation Commission (SCC) from conducting a biennial review of the rates, terms, and conditions for any service of Dominion Virginia Power for the eight test periods beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2020. The utility is directed not to make biennial review filings in 2016 through 2022. The SCC is directed to dismiss any biennial review initiated in 2015 without making findings or determinations and is barred from adjusting the utility's rates until the conclusion of the 2023 biennial review, with certain exceptions. The SCC is directed to conduct biennial proceedings from 2017 through 2021 to determine what constitutes the utility's fair rate of return on common equity for use in connection with rate adjustment clauses. The measure also requires each electric utility to file updated integrated resource plans annually starting in 2015; currently, such updates are required to be filed biennially.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

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

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None at this time.

11. Other Comments: None at this time.