

## State Corporation Commission 2007 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB3030

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron** Marshall, R.G.

3. **Committee** Commerce and Labor

4. **Title** Electrical transmission facilities; regional transmission organizations.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Electrical transmission facilities; regional transmission organizations. Repeals provisions relating to the current requirement that Virginia's electric utilities join a regional transmission organization. The measure directs the State Corporation Commission and Office of the Attorney General to institute proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to obtain all necessary federal approvals to accomplish the withdrawal of Virginia's electric utilities from membership in any regional transmission organization. The measure also authorizes a locality in or adjacent to the Eighth Planning District to enter into an agreement with an electric utility that has proposed an overhead transmission line of 450 kV or more whereby the utility will construct the line underground and the additional cost of underground installation will be paid by the locality. The locality is authorized to create a special rate district and assess its customers in the special rate district a tax to recover its payments to the electric utility. The locality is further authorized to create a stock corporation to which the electric utility is required to distribute shares of its capital stock with a value equal to the additional cost of the underground installation.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Tentative for the State Corporation Commission.

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2006-07			
2007-08	\$125,000		
2008-09	\$125,000		
2009-10			

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The bill will require that the Virginia State Corporation Commission participate in expensive litigation before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Outside counsel would be required. Expenditure estimates are based on previous FERC litigation costs.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Office of the Attorney General

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None noted.

**11. Other comments:** The Office of the Attorney General may also have a fiscal impact.

**Date:** 01/17/07 / CW

cc: Secretary of Commerce and Trade