

State Corporation Commission 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB949

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Hugo

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Natural gas utilities; upstream supply infrastructure projects.

5. Summary: Natural gas utilities; upstream supply infrastructure projects. Authorizes a natural gas utility to recover eligible costs of eligible natural gas supply infrastructure projects. A plan for recovery of such costs may provide the utility with an option to receive the gas or sell the gas at market prices. The measure also (i) provides that the transportation of natural gas by pipeline, without providing service to end users within the territory, shall not be considered operating in the territory of another certificate holder; (ii) bars the State Corporation Commission from approving the construction of a natural gas compressor station in an area without the locality's certification only if the area is zoned exclusively for residential use; and (iii) expands the definition of a strategic natural gas facility to include a natural gas transmission company that adds design day deliverability or designed send out of at least 100,000 dekatherms per day in the aggregate. The bill exempts open season capacity acquisitions or releases between a public service company and an affiliated interest from the requirement that the Commission approve contracts entered into by a public service company.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: No fiscal impact 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: No

11. Other Comments: Also see Senate Bill 519.