

State Corporation Commission 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB459

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

2. Patron: Stosch

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Electric utility regulation; recovery of nuclear refueling costs and generation facility cost recovery.

5. Summary: Electric utility regulation; recovery of nuclear refueling costs and generation facility cost recovery. (1) Requires an electric utility to establish a regulatory asset for regulatory accounting and ratemaking purposes under which it shall defer operation and maintenance costs incurred in connection with the refueling of any nuclear-powered generating plant and certain related work. These deferred O&M costs shall be amortized over the refueling cycle, but in no case for more than 18 months. The State Corporation Commission is required to treat the deferred and amortized costs of such regulatory asset as part of the utility's costs for the purpose of certain proceedings. (2) Limits the portion of the costs incurred by an investor-owner electric utility between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2013, in developing a nuclear power facility that are recoverable through a rate adjustment clause to 30% of such amount. All of the remaining 70% of such costs shall be recovered through existing base rates as determined by the State Corporation Commission in the test periods under review in the utility's next biennial review filed after July 1, 2014. All of the costs incurred after December 31, 2013, may be deferred for recovery through a rate adjustment clause as may be approved by the Commission. Sets out that the planning and development activities for a new nuclear generation facility or facilities are in the public interest.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final; no fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

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11. Other Comments: None

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