

**State Corporation Commission
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

Fiscal Summary: There will be a fiscal impact on the State Corporation Commission (SCC) for the increased workload for proceedings, regulations, and hiring a facilitator.

General Fund Expenditure Impact: None

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
SCC		\$190,000		\$50,000		
TOTAL		\$190,000		\$50,000		

Position Impact: None

Fiscal Analysis: The State Corporation Commission (SCC) will have additional workload for: processing guidelines, selecting and managing a third-party facilitator for the annual utility stakeholder process, the additional IRP case (filed by Appalachian Power) which will require the hiring of a consultant triennially (approximately \$50,000), a new proceeding every five years for reviewing IRP requirements, and will require additional Staff time to ensure the utilities are properly providing modeling software/managing annual stakeholder workgroup. The combination of this increased workload would likely lead to the need for an additional FTE. Additionally, a facilitator will be required for the stakeholder work group to establish guidelines; a recent comparable process cost approximately \$140,000. It is also unclear if the SCC or the utility is paying for the third-party facilitator for the annual stakeholder workgroup.

The SCC costs to implement the requirements in this bill will impact its Public Utility Fund (02080). The current rate cap authorization (58.1-2900) as approved by the General Assembly (GA) is not sufficient to generate the revenue needed for the Fund to cover the costs of this bill's requirements. However, bills HB2663 and SB1336 have been introduced in the 2025 GA session to adjust electric consumption rate caps to fund SCC existing expenses and potential new expenses from electric utility SCC oversight legislation passed during the 2025 GA Session. The costs associated with SB1021 can be absorbed from the revenue that would result from the passage of HB2663/SB1336.

Other: None