


 Colorado *Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Scott
Sen. Jahn

Bill Status: House Transportation

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TITLE: CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON ELECTRIC UTILITIES' ABILITY TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATED SCALE OF CHARGES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	See State Expenditures section.	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

By April 30, 2011, this bill requires electric utilities currently charging a residential tiered rate to file a revised rate schedule with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The revised rate schedule, effective June 1, 2011, must collapse all tiers of the residential tiered rate into a single rate applicable to all customers. The bill also prohibits an electric utility from charging a residential tiered rate or inverted block rate until the utility files a new electric rate case.

State Expenditures

No expenditure increase is expected as a result of this bill.

Department of Regulatory Agencies, Public Utilities Commission. This bill requires Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy) to file, by April 30, 2011, a single rate that applies to residential customers during the summer. The bill reverses the inverted block rates ordered by the PUC last year. The new rate would be effective on or before June 1, 2011.

Because this would be a narrow rate design case, essentially reversing previously approved rate schedules, the prescribed schedule could be accommodated and the bill implemented within existing appropriations.

State Agency Impact. State agencies are also electric utility customers. To the extent that this bill affects utility rates, the bill will affect state agency expenditures for electric utility service.

Departments Contacted

Regulatory Agencies