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Transportation and Regulatory
Subcommittee



Public Service Commission of South Carolina

Budget Report

2021

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Key Officials

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Year



Commissioner
Carolyn “Carolee” Williams
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 1
Term Expires June 30, 2024



Commissioner, Vice Chair
Florence P. Belser
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 2
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner
Stephen M. “Mike” Caston
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 3
Term Expires June 30, 2024



Commissioner
Thomas J. “Tom” Ervin
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 4
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner
Headen B. Thomas
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 5
Term Expires June 30, 2024



Commissioner, Chairman
Justin T. Williams
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 6
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner
Delton W. Powers, Jr.
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 7
Term Expires June 30, 2024

Chief Clerk
Jocelyn Boyd
Columbia, SC
(803) 896-5100

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Year



Commissioner
John E. "Butch" Howard
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 1
Term Expired September 23, 2020



Commissioner
Florence P. Belser
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 2
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner, Chairman
Comer H. "Randy" Randall
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 3
Term Expired September 23, 2020



Commissioner
Thomas J. "Tom" Ervin
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 4
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner
Swain E. Whitfield
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 5
Term Expired September 23, 2020



Commissioner, Vice Chair
Justin T. Williams
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 6
Term Expires June 30, 2022



Commissioner
G. O'Neal Hamilton
(803) 896-5100
Representing District 7
Term Expired September 23, 2020

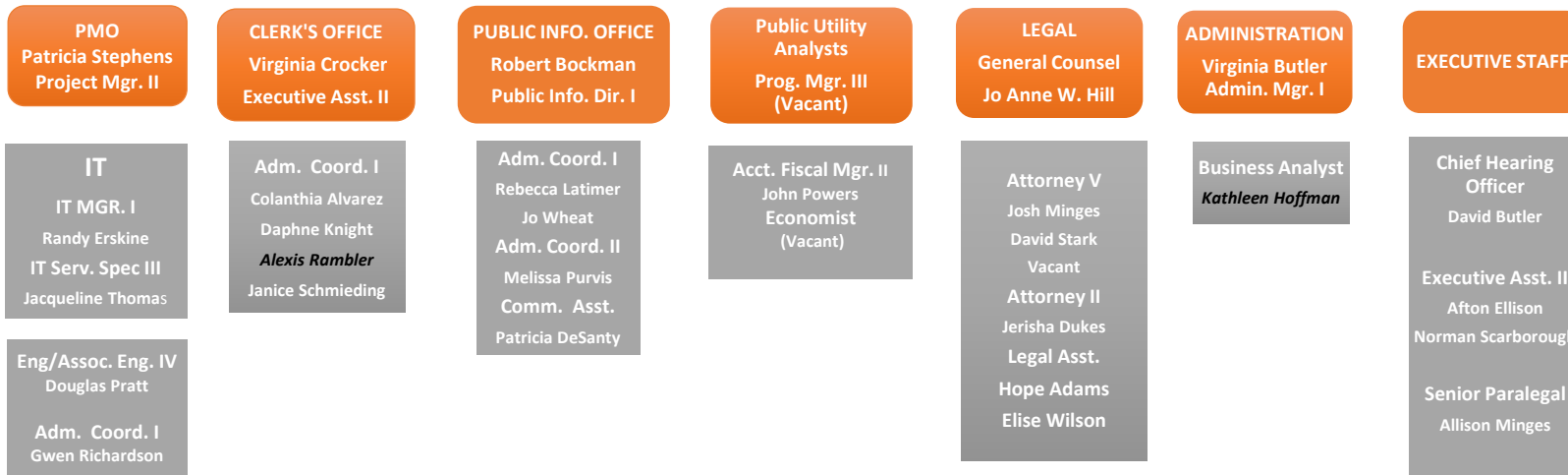
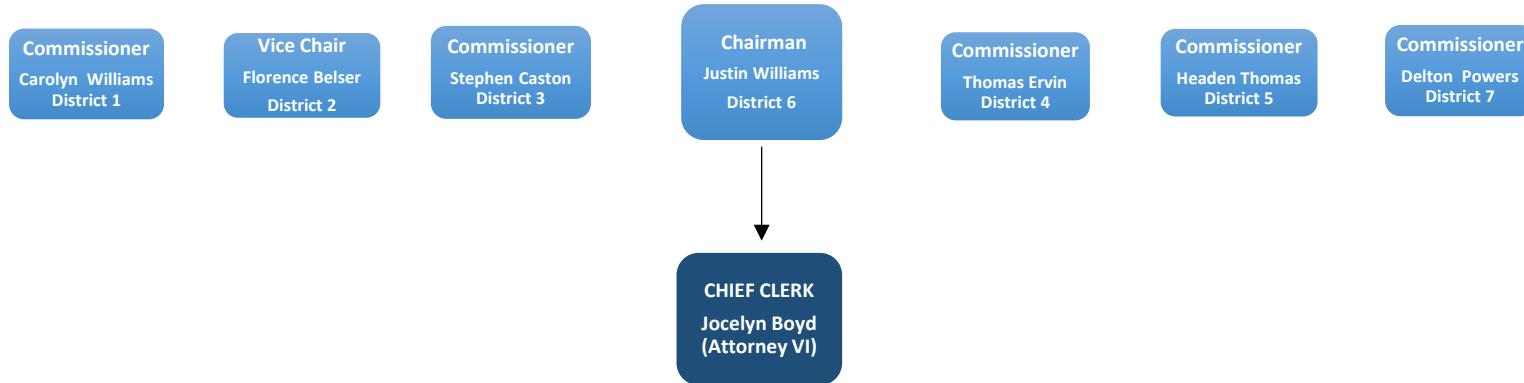
Chief Clerk
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Agency Overview

AGENCY MISSION	To serve the public by providing open and effective regulation and adjudication of the state's public utilities, through consistent administration of the law and regulatory process.
AGENCY VISION	At the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, our vision is to be a global leader of investor-owned public utilities regulation by adhering to and embracing the highest level of impartiality, excellence, professionalism, and transparency.

Program/Title	Purpose
Administrative	To manage the administrative operations of the Public Service Commission - Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Project Management Office.
Commissioners	Adjudicates cases involving investor owned electric and gas utility companies, water and wastewater companies, telecommunications companies, motor carriers of household goods, hazardous waste disposal, and taxicabs.
Clerk's Office	Processes applications and filings, communicates with the public/ industries, supports public databases of Commission activity.
Legal	Serves as legal counsel in Commission proceedings, as well as advisors to Commissioners.
Public Utility Analysts Office	Serves as accounting, economic and engineering advisors to the Commissioners.

**Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Organizational Chart
December 2020**



Italics = Temp

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

FTE Breakdown

12/16/2020

The Public Service Commission currently has 44 approved FTE positions:

Commissioners	7
Classified Exempt	17
Classified Non-exempt	11
Vacant Positions	9

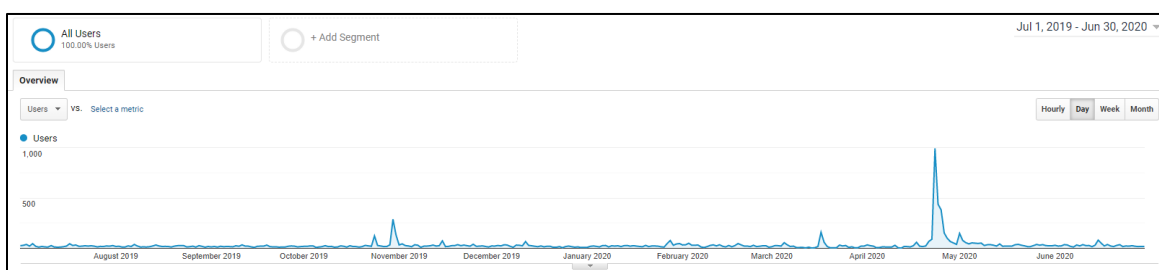
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission or PSC) regulates the rates and services of investor-owned public utilities in the State of South Carolina. With over 100 years of service to the state of South Carolina, the PSC establishes just and reasonable standards for their rates and services.

In order for the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to carry out its mission, the Commission must be alert to and anticipate emerging issues in the industries it regulates, including federal regulatory developments. Maintaining effective communications with its stakeholders through online surveys and Advisory Committee meetings aids in achieving this goal.



The Commission will continue to improve its hearing procedures so as to provide the public with accessible, transparent, and effective regulation of public utilities and provide the public with clear information about the regulatory process and its decisions. In an effort to increase transparency and engagement with public utility consumers, the Commission continued the implementation of a more robust communications platform, including its SC Utility Consumer website, social media accounts, and advertisement campaign. Across all of its social media accounts as of June 30, 2020, the Commission has 976 followers, accounting for a 47% increase in followership since last fiscal year. The Commission has also continued to effectively utilize its livestreaming service for stakeholders to engage in the Commission’s hearings and meetings. The service allowed the PSC to remain transparent and continue its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.



The SC Utility Consumer website’s traffic is mostly flat but spiked each time the Commission began a new round of advertising (e.g., November 2019 and especially May of 2020).

Social Media Statistics			
Platform	Followers FY 17-18	Followers FY 18-19	Followers FY 19-20
SC Utility Consumer Facebook*	0	39	60
SC Utility Consumer Twitter*	0	106	192
PSC Facebook	44	140	229
PSC Twitter	283	380	484

*The SC Utility Consumer social media accounts were created during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and, therefore; data does not exist for the accounts during Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

An ongoing goal of the Commission is to improve its operations through technological advances. As opportunities are identified, the Commission will investigate both costs and benefits before taking the appropriate actions.

During the fiscal year, the Commission continued livestreaming its Commission Business Meetings, major hearings, and Allowable Ex Parte Briefings. Statistics for the livestream service are provided below. Livestream viewers watched 8,616 events (live and on-demand) during the year.

	Total Events (Live)	Total Events (On-Demand)	Monthly Total
July 2019	206	561	767
August 2019	670	70	740
September 2019	389	10	399
October 2019	1,878	35	1,913
November 2019	485	85	570
December 2019	724	47	771
January 2020	351	24	375
February 2020	804	28	832
March 2020	753	24	777
April 2020	336	10	346
May 2020	545	14	559
June 2020	530	37	567
FY 19-20 TOTALS	7,671	945	8,616

The "Live" sessions totals include replays, including "play" and "pause", of the original events. The "On-Demand" sessions are the livestream events that were viewed after the conclusion of the live event.

The Commission's livestream service allowed the Agency to continue its operations uninterrupted and remain transparent during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission switched to a virtual hearing and meeting format after Governor McMaster declared a State of Emergency on March 13, 2020. The table below outlines the number of virtual meetings and hearings the PSC held during the pandemic through the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Agency leveraged its livestreaming capabilities and transitioned to a primarily virtual meeting and hearing schedule. Skype and other virtual meeting platforms, including WebEx, were used to conduct virtual hearings and Commission Business Meetings. The use of these services allowed the Commission's meeting and hearing schedule to proceed with minimal interruptions.

Virtual Commission Events during COVID-19 Pandemic		
	Virtual Commission Meetings	Virtual Hearings
March 2020	2	1
April 2020	4	7
May 2020	5	4
June 2020	4	2
TOTALS	15	14

The Commission's primary duty is to adjudicate cases involving the state's investor-owned utilities. This past fiscal year, the Commission opened 347 new dockets, including non-docketed items, held 59 hearings, issued 313 orders, and 531 directive orders. In 2018-2019, the PSC issued 435 orders and 425 directive orders. A total of 6,730 matters were posted on the Commission's Docket Management System (DMS). The Commission also held 46 Commission Business Meetings during the year. The Commission also held a series of nine public night hearings, including the Agency's first virtual public hearings.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020
Budget vs Actual Expenditures**

FUND 30350000 OPERATING FUND

Commitment	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Percent Expended
Administration				
501014 Exec Director	132,239.00	132,237.84	1.16	100%
501026 Chairman	133,983.00	133,981.92	1.08	100%
501033 Commissioner	792,434.00	777,166.62	15,267.38	98%
501058 Classified Positions	2,091,542.00	1,878,573.18	212,968.82	90%
501070 Temporary Positions	137,000.00	130,319.64	6,680.36	95%
Total Personal Services	3,287,198.00	3,052,279.20	234,918.80	93%
512001 Other Operating	1,085,017.00	1,052,799.23	32,217.77	97%
Total Administration	4,372,215.00	4,105,078.43	267,136.57	94%
Employer Contributions				
513000 Employer Contributions	1,400,448.00	1,127,483.77	272,964.23	81%
Total Employer Contributions	1,400,448.00	1,127,483.77	272,964.23	81%
Total Appropriations	5,772,663.00	5,232,562.20	540,100.80	91%

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FY21 JULY 1, 2020 - DECEMBER 31, 2020
Budget vs Actual Expenditures

30350000 OPERATING FUND

Commitment	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Percent Expended
Administration				
501014 Exec Director	129,646.00	33,059.46	96,586.54	25%
501026 Chairman	131,393.00	66,990.97	64,402.03	51%
501033 Commissioner	776,896.00	364,570.44	412,325.56	47%
501058 Classified Positions	2,197,590.00	920,454.11	1,277,135.89	42%
501070 Temporary Positions	87,000.00	183,067.13	(96,067.13)	210%
Total Personal Services	3,322,525.00	1,568,142.11	1,754,382.89	47%
512001 Other Operating	985,017.00	435,291.79	549,725.21	44%
Total Administration	4,307,542.00	2,003,433.90	2,304,108.10	47%
Employer Contributions				
513000 Employer Contributions	1,381,396.00	554,122.13	827,273.87	40%
Total Benefits	1,381,396.00	554,122.13	827,273.87	40%
Total Operating Fund	5,688,938.00	2,557,556.03	3,131,381.97	45%

51C10000 SC CARES FUND

Commitment	Budget	Actual	Remaining	Percent Expended
Administration				
501058 Classified Positions	2,043.20	2,043.20	-	100%
Total Personal Services	2,043.20	2,043.20	-	100%
512001 Other Operating	11,660.45	11,660.45	-	100%
Total Administration	13,703.65	13,703.65	-	100%
Total Federal Fund	13,703.65	13,703.65	-	100%

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
BUDGET vs ACTUAL FY2020 & FY2021
As of 12/31/2020

FY2020 as of 06/30/2020

Fund	Functional Area	Commitment		Budget	Actual	Remaining	Expended
30350000	Administration	501XXX	Total Personal Services	3,287,198.00	3,052,279.20	234,918.80	93%
		512001	Other Operating	1,085,017.00	1,052,799.23	32,217.77	97%
		513000	Employer Contributions	1,400,448.00	1,127,483.77	272,964.23	81%
		Total Operating Fund		5,772,663.00	5,232,562.20	540,100.80	91%

FY2021 as of 12/31/2020

Fund	Functional Area	Commitment		Budget	Actual	Remaining	Expended
30350000	Administration	501XXX	Total Personal Services	3,322,525.00	1,568,142.11	1,754,382.89	47%
		512001	Other Operating	985,017.00	435,291.79	549,725.21	44%
		513000	Employer Contributions	1,381,396.00	554,122.13	827,273.87	40%
		Total Operating Fund		5,688,938.00	2,557,556.03	3,131,381.97	45%

50000000	Administration	501058	Classified Positions	2,043.20	2,043.20	-	100%
		512001	Other Operating	11,660.45	11,660.45	-	100%
		Total Federal (SC CARES) Fund		13,703.65	13,703.65	-	100%

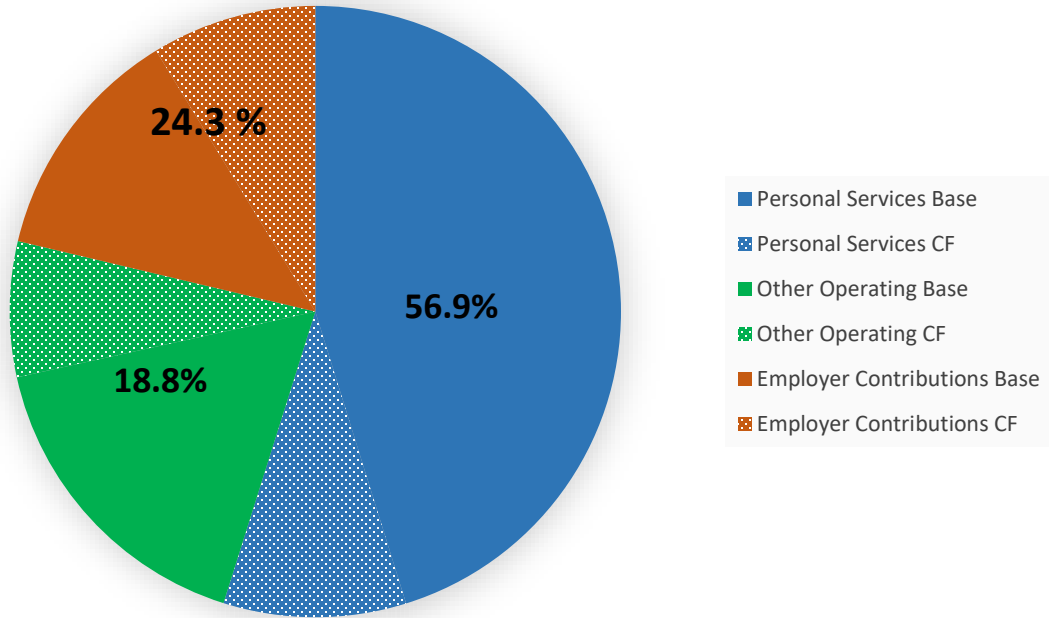
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SC
SCEIS BW REPORT CASH BY FUND
CARRY FORWARD AMOUNTS FOR FY2021**

▼ Fund	▼	▼ Beginning Balance
30350000	OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 2,080,024.39 *
39580000	SALE OF ASSETS	\$ 4,223.59
Overall Result		\$ 2,084,247.98

* Includes \$200 petty cash.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020
Appropriation**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Personal Services Base	\$2,870,895	
Personal Service Carry Forward (CF)	<u>\$416,303</u>	
Total Personal Services	\$3,287,198	56.9%
Other Operating Base	\$1,060,017	
Other Operating Carry Forward	<u>\$25,000</u>	
Total Other Operating	\$1,085,017	18.8%
Employer Contributions Base	\$798,396	
Employer Contributions Carry Forward	<u>\$602,052</u>	
Total Employer Contributions	\$1,400,448	24.3%
Total Base	\$4,729,308	
Total Carry Forward	\$1,043,355	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$5,772,663	100.0%

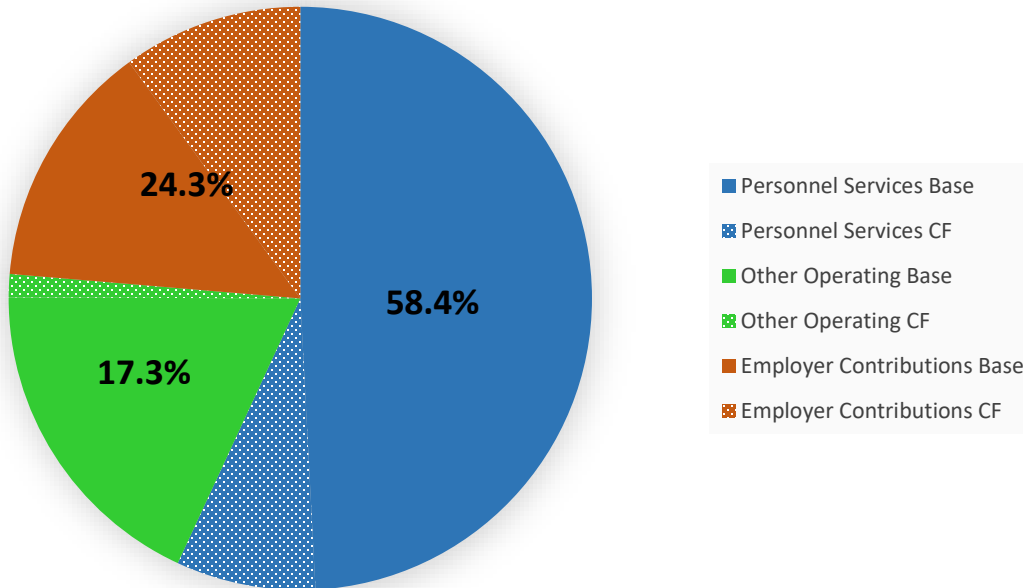


Base Budget \$4,729,308

Carry Forward Funds \$1,043,355

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021
Actual Budget Based on the S.C. General Assembly
Continuing Resolution # H.3411, Act No. 135

	Amount	Percentage
Personal Services Base	\$2,870,895	
Personal Services Carry Forward (CF)	<u>\$451,630</u>	
Total Personal Services	\$3,322,525	58.4%
Other Operating Base	\$1,060,017	
Other Operating Carry Forward	<u>-\$75,000</u>	
Total Other Operating	\$985,017	17.3%
Employer Contributions Base	\$798,396	
Employer Contributions Carry Forward	<u>\$583,000</u>	
Total Employer Contributions	\$1,381,396	24.3%
Total Base	\$4,729,308	
Total Carry Forward	<u>\$959,630</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT APPROPRIATION	\$5,688,938	100%

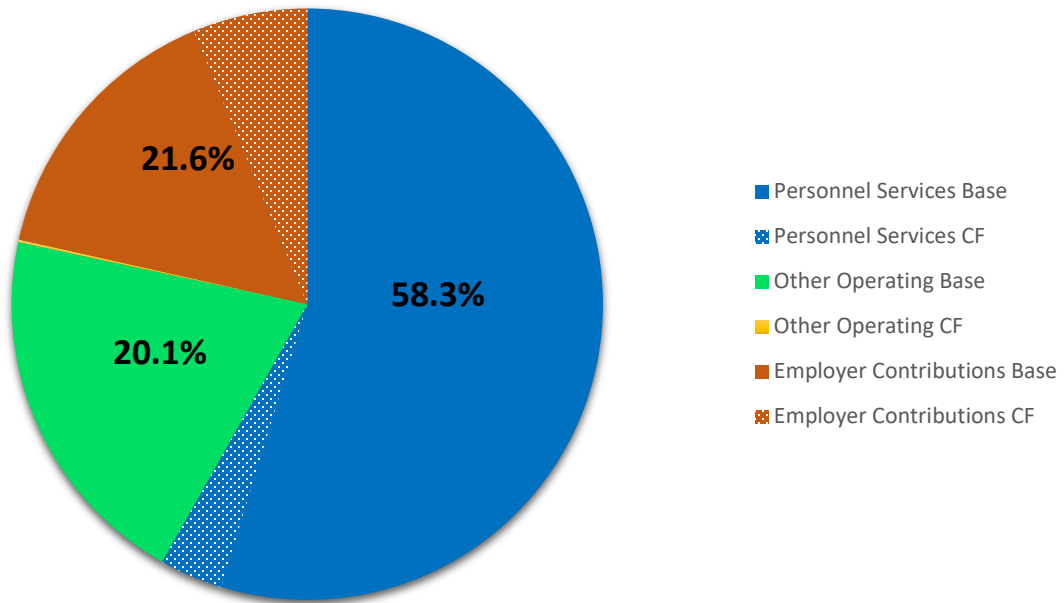


Base Budget \$4,729,308

Carry Forward Funds \$959,630

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020
Actual Expenditures**

	Amount	Percentage
Personal Services Base	\$2,870,895	
Personal Services Carry Forward (CF)	<u>\$181,384</u>	
Total Personal Services	\$3,052,279	58.3%
Other Operating Base	\$1,060,017	
Other Operating Carry Forward	<u>-\$7,218</u>	
Total Other Operating	\$1,052,799	20.1%
Employer Contributions Base	\$798,396	
Employer Contributions Carry Forward	<u>\$329,088</u>	
Total Employer Contributions	\$1,127,484	21.6%
Total Base	\$4,729,308	
Total Carry Forward	<u>\$503,254</u>	
TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,232,562	100.0%

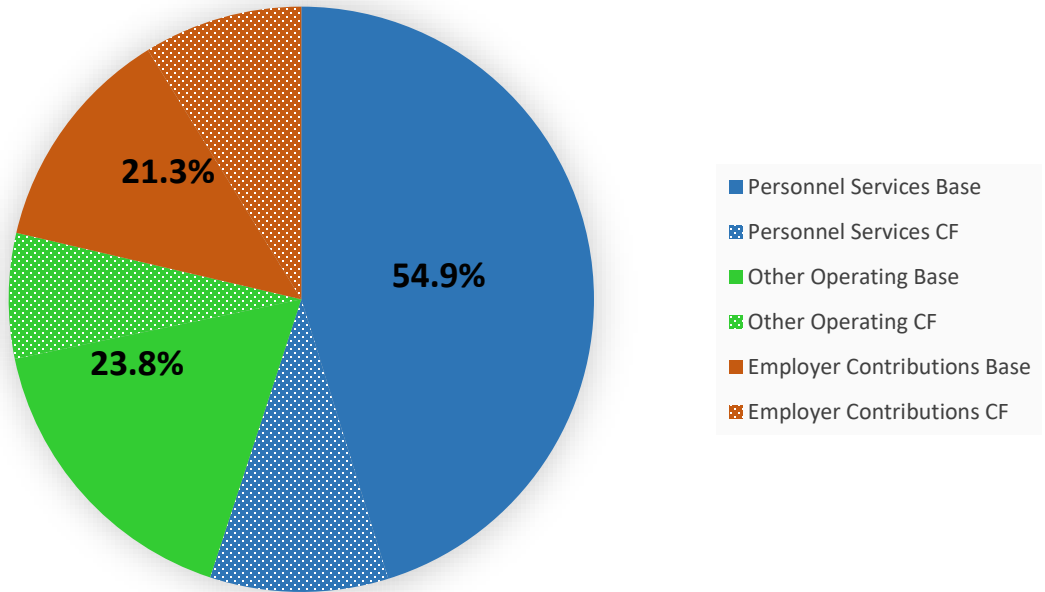


Base Budget \$4,729,308

Carry Forward Funds \$503,254

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021 Requested Budget

	Amount	Percentage
Personal Services Base	\$2,870,895	
Personal Services Carry Forward (CF)	<u>\$613,471</u>	
Total Personal Services	\$3,484,366	54.9%
Other Operating Base	\$1,060,017	
Other Operating Carry Forward	<u>\$454,834</u>	
Total Other Operating	\$1,514,851	23.8%
Employer Contributions Base	\$798,396	
Employer Contributions Carry Forward	<u>\$554,073</u>	
Total Employer Contributions	\$1,352,469	21.3%
TOTAL BASE	\$4,729,308	
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD	\$1,622,378	
TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET	\$6,351,686	100%

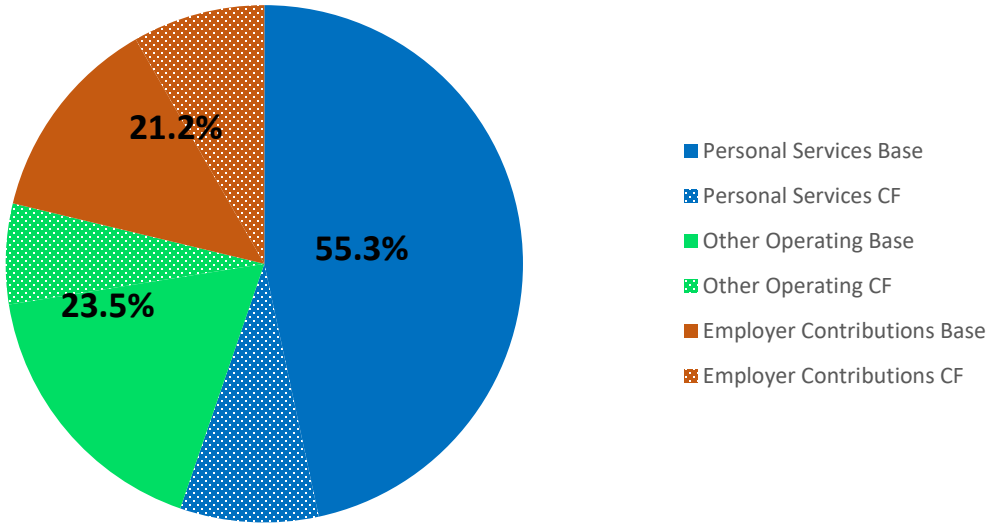


Base Budget \$4,729,308

Carry Forward Funds \$1,622,378

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022 Requested Budget

	Amount	Percentage
Personal Services Base	\$2,870,895	
Personal Services Carry Forward (CF)	<u>\$532,654</u>	
Total Personal Services	\$3,403,549	55.3%
Other Operating Base	\$1,060,017	
Other Operating Carry Forward	<u>\$386,429</u>	
Total Other Operating	\$1,446,446	23.5%
Employer Contributions Base	\$798,396	
Employer Contributions Carry Forward	<u>\$509,807</u>	
Total Employer Contributions	\$1,308,203	21.2%
TOTAL BASE	\$4,729,308	
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD	\$1,428,890	
TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET	\$6,158,198	100%



Base Budget \$4,729,308 Carry Forward Funds \$1,428,890

FY 21-22 Prioritized Budget Request Summary

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BUDGET REQUESTS				FUNDING					FTEs			
Priority	Request Type (recurring, non-recurring, capital)	Request Title	Brief Description	General - Recurring	General - Nonrecurring	Other	Federal	Total	State	Other	Federal	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Personal Services & Employer Contributions	<p>The projected decrease from FY2021 to FY2022 in salaries and employer contributions of (\$125,083) is the result of a decrease in salaries of (\$80,817) and a decrease in employer contributions of (\$44,266). The decrease in salaries is the result of terminal leave for up to 3 Commissioners was included in the FY2021 budget estimated at \$68,600 and an additional unexpected terminal leave in the amount of \$26,000 which will also be paid out in FY2021 for an estimated total amount of \$94,911 that is not expected to be paid in FY2022.</p> <p>The Commission is requesting a slight reduction in funding to Employer Contributions for FY2022. The Commission's estimates, based on the FY2021 Employer Contributions Rate Table provided by the Executive Budget Office, do not require the same appropriations as FY202021 to meet its obligations. Requested decrease of (\$44,266).</p>			(125,083.00)		(125,083.00)				0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Other Operating	<p>The net decreased funding from FY21 to FY22 of (\$68,405) is the result of the decrease in funding from FY21 to FY22 of (\$75,630) for the following items: upgrading some hearing room equipment with a digital recording suite for \$10,630, monitors for \$20,000, cameras for \$5,000, security panels for \$5,000, scanners to enhance the Docket Management System capabilities and information management for \$10,000, and upgrading or replacement of SharePoint for \$25,000. And the increase in funding from FY21 to FY22 of \$7,000 for replacement of 2 large copiers.</p>			(68,405.00)		(68,405.00)				0.00
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS				\$ -	\$ -	\$ (193,488)	\$ -	\$ (193,488)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Agency Name:	Public Service Commission		
Agency Code:	R040	Section:	72



Fiscal Year FY 2021-2022

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B1)</i>	For FY 2021-2022, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS <i>(FORM B2)</i>	For FY 2021-2022, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS <i>(FORM C)</i>	For FY 2021-2022, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PROVISOS <i>(FORM D)</i>	For FY 2021-2022, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Virginia "Jenny" Butler	(803) 896-5100	virginia.butler@psc.sc.gov
SECONDARY CONTACT:	Jocelyn Boyd	(803) 896-5100	jocelyn.boyd@psc.sc.gov

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2021-2022 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:		

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

Agency Name:	Public Service Commission
Agency Code:	R040
Section:	72

BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Personal Services & Employer Contributions	0	0	-125,083	0	-125,083	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Other Operating	0	0	-68,405	0	-68,405	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS			0	0	-193,488	0	-193,488	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Agency Name:	Public Service Commission		
Agency Code:	R040	Section:	72

FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Administration - Personal Services & Employer Contributions
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$0</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: (\$125,083)</p> <p>Total: (\$125,083)</p>
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2021-2022? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>This funding request supports all strategies listed in the Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of the Commission's FY 2019-2020 Accountability Report. The FY2020-21 request included terminal leave for up to 3 Commissioners. Terminal leave is not expected, especially as this level for FY2021-2022.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	<p>The Commission's employees would be the recipient of the funds through salary adjustments. The recipients of the Commission's Employer Contributions are the federal government, the state retirement systems, and vendors and state agencies</p>
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FUNDS

providing various forms of insurance (health, dental, life, unemployment, and worker's compensation) on behalf of the Commission's employees.

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

**JUSTIFICATION OF
REQUEST**

The projected decrease from FY2021 to FY2022 in salaries and employer contributions of **(\$125,083)** is the result of a decrease in salaries of **(\$80,817)** and a decrease in employer contributions of **(\$44,266)**. The decrease in salaries is the result of terminal leave for up to 3 Commissioners was included in the FY20-21 budget estimated at \$68,600 and an additional unexpected terminal leave in the amount of \$26,000 which will also be paid out in FY2021 for an estimated total amount of \$94,911 that is not expected to be paid in FY2022.

The Commission is requesting a slight reduction in funding to Employer Contributions for FY2022. The Commission's estimates, based on the FY20-21 Employer Contributions Rate Table provided by the Executive Budget Office, do not require the same appropriations as FY2020-21 to meet its obligations. Requested decrease of (\$44,266).

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Administration - Other Operating
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$0 Federal: \$0 Other: (\$68,405) Total: (\$68,405)
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2021-2022? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	<p>This reduction in funding request supports all strategies listed in the Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of the Commission's FY 2019-2020 Accountability Report. The Commission requested IT equipment associated strategies have been included in the Commission's IT Data Collection plan for FY2021-22 submitted in accordance with Proviso 117-112.</p>
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> The recipients of the Commission's Other Operating funds are contractors and </div>
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RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS

vendors supplying the necessary goods and services, including other state agencies such as the Department of Administration (IT services and other administrative services) and SC Educational Television (video streaming services).

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The net decreased funding from FY21 to FY22 of (\$68,405) is the result of the decrease in funding from FY21 to FY22 of (\$75,630) for the following items:

- upgrading some hearing room equipment with a digital recording suite for \$10,630, monitors for \$20,000, cameras for \$5,000, security panels for \$5,000,
- scanners to enhance the Docket Management System capabilities and information management for \$10,000, and
- upgrading or replacement of SharePoint for \$25,000.

And the increase in funding from FY21 to FY22 of \$7,000 for replacement of 2 large copiers.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER

NEW

Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").

TITLE

Law Enforcement

Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.

BUDGET PROGRAM

Administration

Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.

RELATED BUDGET REQUEST

Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2021-2022? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION

Add

Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED

None

Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?

SUMMARY & EXPLANATION

Currently, the Commission is unable to hire law enforcement officers, except through a contractual arrangement. Considering the business of utility regulation that the Commission conducts, as well as safety precautions for the protection of Commissioners and staff, the Commission has determined it necessary to have law enforcement officers present at all hearings, including public night hearings which can be heard in counties throughout the state, as well as on the premises on a permanent basis.

Prior to Act No. 318 of 2006, the Commission pursuant to S.C. statutory authority maintained and managed a law enforcement department (Section 58-3-310 et seq).

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time as the Commission currently has a contract for security services with an outside company.

Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.

**PROPOSED
PROVISO TEXT**

The Public Service Commission is authorized to hire law enforcement officers commissioned by the Governor upon recommendation of the Public Service Commission. The Commission may remove a law enforcement officer if it finds that the law enforcement officer is unfit for the position. Each law enforcement officer shall execute a bond with a licensed surety company in the amount of not less than ten thousand dollars. The bond may be individual, schedule, or blanket, and shall be approved by the Attorney General. The premiums on the bonds shall be paid by the Commission from appropriated funds.

Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Live Streaming with Skype and WebEx Capabilities for Commission Hearings, Business Meetings, and Public Interviews for Qualified, Independent Third-Party Consultants or Experts
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Live streaming with Skype and WebEx capabilities for Commission hearings, business meetings and public interviews for qualified, independent third-party consultants or experts saves businesses and citizens time as well as cost of traveling to and from the Commission office located in Columbia. The savings will vary depending on how far a business or citizen would have to travel to attend a hearing, business meeting or public interview.</p> </div>
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	<p>Mark "X" for all that apply:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other								

METHOD OF CALCULATION	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>The method of determining the savings would be the rate of 57.5 cents per automobile mile plus the hourly rate of the business employee or citizen multiplied by the hours traveling to and from the hearing/meeting.</p> </div>
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	N/A
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	N/A
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

	<p>The travel cost burden to businesses and citizens are being eliminated so more businesses and citizens can listen to and participate in, as needed, hearings, business meetings and public interviews for qualified, independent third-party consultants or experts. The result is that more businesses and citizens can be informed and/or participate in Commission proceedings. With the Covid-19 pandemic onset in March 2020, the Commission had to immediately cancel a night hearing scheduled for 03/12. With another night hearing already scheduled for 03/19, the following week, the Commission was able to allow participation from the public by conference lines. For the 03/19 night hearing, there were 50 audio conference attendees who called in to testify (22 witnesses actually testified along with two political officials' statements). The night hearing held on 06/22 had 47 audio conference attendees who called in to testify (32 witnesses actually testified along with two officials' statements). Live stream data is shown in the table below:</p>
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	Total Events (Live)	Total Events (On-Demand)	Monthly Total
July 2019	206	561	767
August 2019	670	70	740
September 2019	389	10	399
October 2019	1,878	35	1,913
November 2019	485	25	510

November 2019	485	85	570
December 2019	724	47	771
January 2020	351	24	375
February 2020	804	28	832
March 2020	753	24	777
April 2020	336	10	346
May 2020	545	14	559
June 2020	530	37	567
FY 19-20 TOTALS	7,671	945	8,616

The "Live" sessions totals include replays, including "play" and "pause", of the original events. The "On-Demand" sessions are the livestream events that were viewed after the conclusion of the live event.

The Commission was already live streaming hearings and business meetings prior to Covid-19. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Commission began holding virtual hearings via Skype in March. The number of Virtual Events held between March and June is shown in the following schedule:

Virtual Commission Events during COVID-19 Pandemic		
	Virtual Commission Meetings	Virtual Hearings
March 2020	2	1
April 2020	4	7
May 2020	5	4
June 2020	4	2
TOTALS	15	14

There were actually 140 persons participating virtually in PSC meetings and hearings for FY20 as shown in the chart below. The bulk of those participating virtually occurred between March and June 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. These numbers also do not include those persons watching the live streams which is shown in the first schedule above.

The Commission is currently adding WebEx as another platform for participation in the Commission's business affairs and will continue to seek opportunities to enhance participation capabilities.

Virtual Participants	Hearing Examiner	Witnesses/Presenters	Counsel/ Rep's
July '19	1		
Aug '19		5	
Sept '19			
Oct '19	2		
Nov '19			
Dec '19			
Jan '20			
Feb '20	1	2	1
Mar '20		25	2
Apr '20		2	19
May '20		8	16
June '20		42	14
	4	84	52

Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?

SUMMARY

Transportation & Regulatory Subcommittee

Proviso Request Summary

FY 20-21 Proviso #	Renumbered FY 21-22 Proviso #	Proviso Title	Short Summary	FY of Proviso Introduction/ # of years in budget	Recommended Action	Proviso Language
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