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ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2018

None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	44	37	81	79 %
Black Employees	4	15	19	18 %
Other Racial Minorities	1	2	3	3 %
Total Minorities			22	21 %
Total Employees			103	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-201 et seq.

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		Governor	General Assembly				
PSC Annual Report	A.C.A. 23-2-315 and A.C.A. 13-2-212	Y	N	31	Required by Statute. One copy provided to the Governor and 30 copies to the State Library.	0	0.00
Tax Division Biennial Report	A.C.A. 26-24-121 and A.C.A. 13-2-212	Y	N	31	Required by Statute. One copy provided to the Governor and 30 copies to the State Library.	0	0.00

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Utility Rate Case Report	A.C.A. 23-4-420 and A.C.A. 13-2-212	Y	Y	167	Required by Statute. One copy provided to the Governor, 136 copies to the General Assembly, and 30 copies to the State Library.	0	0.00

Department Appropriation Summary

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
	2017-2018		2018-2019		2018-2019		2019-2020				2020-2021			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
255 Utilities Division-Operations	8,352,223	88	10,154,312	89	9,944,734	89	10,120,480	89	10,100,480	89	10,144,016	89	10,124,016	89
256 Pipeline Safety Program	952,928	10	1,009,600	10	975,539	10	1,002,302	10	1,002,302	10	1,002,302	10	1,002,302	10
257 Tax Division-Operations	1,090,282	15	1,735,607	15	1,728,692	15	1,755,335	15	1,755,335	15	1,755,458	15	1,755,458	15
2KA Contingency	0	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	0
Total	10,395,433	113	13,899,519	114	13,648,965	114	13,878,117	114	13,858,117	114	13,901,776	114	13,881,776	114

Funding Sources			%		%		%		%		%		%
Fund Balance	4000005	6,936,635	41.1	6,477,856	36.8			3,722,424	24.8	3,722,424	24.8	1,154,208	9.4
Federal Revenue	4000020	570,306	3.4	563,068	3.2			563,068	3.7	563,068	3.7	563,068	4.6
Special Revenue	4000030	9,366,348	55.5	10,581,019	60.0			10,746,833	71.5	10,746,833	71.5	10,546,833	86.0
Total Funds		16,873,289	100.0	17,621,943	100.0			15,032,325	100.0	15,032,325	100.0	12,264,109	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(6,477,856)		(3,722,424)				(1,154,208)		(1,174,208)		1,637,667	
Grand Total		10,395,433		13,899,519				13,878,117		13,858,117		13,901,776	

FY19 Budget amount for Appropriations 255, 256 and 257 exceed the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 255 - Utilities Division-Operations

Funding Sources: SJP - Public Service Commission Fund

The Public Service Commission - Utilities Division is funded entirely by special revenues derived from assessments paid by the utility companies under its jurisdiction, as authorized in A.C.A. § 19-6-406.

The Agency is requesting an Authorized Appropriation of \$10,120,480 for FY20 and \$10,144,014 for FY21.

Change Level request includes an increase in Capital Outlay of \$21,000 for the replacement of one state vehicle in FY21.

The Agency requests to maintain Authorized Appropriation which exceeds the FY18 Actual Expenditures by more than 10% for the following:

- Extra help - Only one out of the six positions was filled in fiscal year 2018, resulting in actual expenditures lower than the Authorized level.
- Overtime - The Agency needs this appropriation for contingency purposes.
- Operational Expenses - The Agency uses this appropriation for expenses including court reporting services and official business travel. Historically court reporting services expenses have been higher than they were in the previous fiscal year.
- Conference & Travel Expenses - The Agency uses this appropriation to attend continuing education sessions. The Agency expects an increase in costs of attending conferences and training sessions in the future.
- Professional Fees - The Agency uses this appropriation for regulatory consulting services, which fluctuate in size from year to year.
- Special Maintenance - This appropriation was used in a past to purchase new sound system for the hearing room and construction of a new office and conference room for the Executive Director.
- Federal Regulatory Services - The Agency is anticipating an increase in expenses, due to two new cases.
- Professional Services - The Agency uses this appropriation to pay for consultant services associated with renewable resources filings cases. Currently the Agency is involved in two new cases.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request, except for reduction in appropriation for Overtime Expenses from \$25,000 to \$5,000 for both years.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 255 - Utilities Division-Operations

Funding Sources: SJP - Public Service Commission Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	5,298,072	5,722,603	5,565,686	5,709,538	5,709,538	5,711,338	5,711,338
#Positions		88	89	89	89	89	89	89
Extra Help	5010001	1,021	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
#Extra Help		1	6	6	6	6	6	6
Personal Services Matching	5010003	1,630,986	1,770,440	1,717,779	1,770,673	1,770,673	1,771,409	1,771,409
Overtime	5010006	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	5,000	25,000	5,000
Operating Expenses	5020002	855,155	1,070,597	1,070,597	1,070,597	1,070,597	1,070,597	1,070,597
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	57,326	68,922	68,922	68,922	68,922	68,922	68,922
Professional Fees	5060010	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	21,000	21,000	0	0	21,000	21,000
Special Maintenance	5120032	0	24,319	24,319	24,319	24,319	24,319	24,319
Fed Regulatory Services	5900040	196,444	290,575	290,575	290,575	290,575	290,575	290,575
Professional Services	5900043	284,475	998,000	998,000	998,000	998,000	998,000	998,000
Data Processing Services	5900044	28,744	138,856	138,856	138,856	138,856	138,856	138,856
Total		8,352,223	10,154,312	9,944,734	10,120,480	10,100,480	10,144,016	10,124,016

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	3,669,536	3,561,820		1,867,316	1,867,316	206,644	226,644
Special Revenue	4000030	8,244,507	8,459,808		8,459,808	8,459,808	8,459,808	8,459,808
Total Funding		11,914,043	12,021,628		10,327,124	10,327,124	8,666,452	8,686,452
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(3,561,820)	(1,867,316)		(206,644)	(226,644)	1,477,564	1,437,564
Grand Total		8,352,223	10,154,312		10,120,480	10,100,480	10,144,016	10,124,016

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 256 - Pipeline Safety Program

Funding Sources: SAD - Public Service Utility Safety Fund

The Public Service Commission's Pipeline Safety Program is funded by special revenue inspection fees charged annually to each company according to its pipeline mileage in Arkansas, as authorized in Arkansas Code § 23-15-214 et seq. The Program is also eligible for federal reimbursement for up to 50% of its expenditures. Under this program, the Commission maintains safety jurisdiction and monitors the transmission by pipeline of hazardous materials, such as gasoline, oil, and natural gas.

The Agency is requesting an Authorized Appropriation of \$1,002,302 for FY20 and for FY21.

The Agency requests to maintain Authorized Appropriation which exceeds the FY18 Actual Expenditures by more than 10% for the following:

- Operating Expenses - Inspectors of natural gas pipelines and operators did not experience overnight travel in 2018, but travel cost could potentially increase in the future.
- Conference & Travel Expenses - The Agency did not receive all the requested training slots from the Training and Qualifications Center in 2018. For FY20 and FY21 Travel Expenses will increase.
- Professional Fees - In fiscal year 2018 the Pipeline Safety Office did not experience any incidents requiring the use of outside consultants.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 256 - Pipeline Safety Program
Funding Sources: SAD - Public Service Utility Safety Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	631,493	650,977	624,808	668,580	668,580	668,580	668,580
#Positions		10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Personal Services Matching	5010003	192,899	200,060	192,168	200,159	200,159	200,159	200,159
Operating Expenses	5020002	93,456	105,714	105,714	105,714	105,714	105,714	105,714
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	12,914	25,620	25,620	25,620	25,620	25,620	25,620
Professional Fees	5060010	0	2,229	2,229	2,229	2,229	2,229	2,229
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	22,166	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0
Total		952,928	1,009,600	975,539	1,002,302	1,002,302	1,002,302	1,002,302
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	1,517,966	1,135,344		688,812	688,812	673,392	673,392
Federal Revenue	4000020	570,306	563,068		563,068	563,068	563,068	563,068
Special Revenue	4000030	0	0		423,814	423,814	423,814	423,814
Total Funding		2,088,272	1,698,412		1,675,694	1,675,694	1,660,274	1,660,274
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,135,344)	(688,812)		(673,392)	(673,392)	(657,972)	(657,972)
Grand Total		952,928	1,009,600		1,002,302	1,002,302	1,002,302	1,002,302

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 257 - Tax Division-Operations

Funding Sources: HTD - Tax Division Fund

The Public Service Commission - Tax Division's appropriation is funded by special revenues transferred from the Public Service Commission Fund, the Division's share of ad valorem taxes, as authorized in Arkansas Code §19-5-1024, and general revenues, if needed.

The Agency is requesting an Authorized Appropriation of \$1,755,335 for FY20 and \$1,755,458 for FY21.

The Agency is asking to keep the full amount of appropriation. The Agency's Request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their actual FY18 expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Extra Help - The Tax Division did not hire any Extra Help employees in fiscal year 2018. Appropriation for Extra Help positions allows the Tax Division to find and evaluate college or law students for future employment.
- Overtime - Agency did not have actual expenses in 2018, however there still may be occasions when employees are asked to work overtime.
- Operating Expenses - A large portion of this line item is used for mass mailings which fluctuates every year depending on the number of companies assessed. Each January over 60,000 tax forms are mailed.
- Professional Fees - The Agency utilizes this appropriation to pay an outside consultants for the expert testimony and advises when appeals have been filed by utilities or transportation companies.
- Contingency - The Agency needs the contingency fund to defend assessments of railroads. Agency is asking to keep this Appropriation at Authorized level.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 257 - Tax Division-Operations

Funding Sources: HTD - Tax Division Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		Agency Request and Executive Recommendation	
		2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Budget	2018-2019 Authorized	2019-2020		2020-2021	
					Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	703,114	729,908	726,063	749,509	749,509	749,609	749,609
#Positions		15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Extra Help	5010001	0	38,238	38,238	38,238	38,238	38,238	38,238
#Extra Help		0	5	5	5	5	5	5
Personal Services Matching	5010003	234,265	247,489	244,419	247,616	247,616	247,639	247,639
Overtime	5010006	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Operating Expenses	5020002	136,455	202,472	202,472	202,472	202,472	202,472	202,472
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	11,448	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Professional Fees	5060010	5,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contingency	5130018	0	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total		1,090,282	1,735,607	1,728,692	1,755,335	1,755,335	1,755,458	1,755,458
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	1,749,133	1,780,692		1,166,296	1,166,296	274,172	274,172
Special Revenue	4000030	1,121,841	1,121,211		863,211	863,211	663,211	663,211
Total Funding		2,870,974	2,901,903		2,029,507	2,029,507	937,383	937,383
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,780,692)	(1,166,296)		(274,172)	(274,172)	818,075	818,075
Grand Total		1,090,282	1,735,607		1,755,335	1,755,335	1,755,458	1,755,458

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2KA - Contingency

Funding Sources: SJP - Public Service Commission Fund

The Public Service Commission - Utilities Division's Contingency appropriation provides additional spending authority that may be transferred to the Division's operating line items in emergency situations that would require additional resources. Funding for this appropriation is from Special Revenue balances held in the Public Service Commission Fund to support any transfers that may be made.

The Agency is requesting an authorized appropriation of \$1,000,000 each year of the Biennium.

The Agency needs this appropriation for contingency purposes.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 2KA - Contingency
Funding Sources: SJP - Public Service Commission Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Overtime Salaries 5130018	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Funding Sources							
Special Revenue 4000030	0	1,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Funding	0	1,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	1,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000