

**Operating Budget
for Fiscal Year 2016**

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2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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Agency code: 475 Agency name: Office of Public Utility Counsel

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
1 Equitable Utility Rates for Residential and Small Commercial Consumers			
1 <i>To Protect Consumers and Ensure Reasonable Rates</i>			
1 PARTICIPATION IN CASES	\$1,326,658	\$2,069,777	\$1,563,867
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$1,326,658	\$2,069,777	\$1,563,867
2 Protect Consumer Interests in Utility Markets			
1 <i>Promote Utility Choices and Consumer Protection Policies</i>			
1 UTILITY PROJECTS	\$248,090	\$321,947	\$670,227
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$248,090	\$321,947	\$670,227

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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$1,323,233	\$1,835,298	\$1,716,289
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General Revenue Dedicated Funds:			
153 Water Resource Management	\$251,515	\$556,426	\$517,805
	\$251,515	\$556,426	\$517,805
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$1,574,748	\$2,391,724	\$2,234,094
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	17.2	17.9	25.5

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$1,653,703	\$1,653,703	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2016-17 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$1,692,568
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
UB Authority Rider 2-Strategy A.1.1 Participate in Major Utility Cases	\$(282,043)	\$282,043	\$0
UB Authority Rider 2 -Strategy B.1.1 Participate in Major Utility Projects	\$(58,079)	\$58,079	\$0
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
Art IX, Sec 17.06 Salary Increase for General State Employees (2014-15 GAA)	\$9,652	\$17,716	\$0
Art IX, Sec 18.02, Salary Increase for General State Employees (2016-17)	\$0	\$0	\$23,721
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$(176,243)	\$0
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$1,323,233	\$1,835,298	\$1,716,289
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$1,323,233	\$1,835,298	\$1,716,289

GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED

153 GR Dedicated - Water Resource Management Account No. 153

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2016-17 GAA)

	\$0	\$0	\$509,054
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
Art. IX, Sec.18.15(2014-2015)Contingency for HB 1600	\$499,680	\$499,680	\$0
UB Authority Rider 2-Strategy A.1.1 Participation in Major Utility Cases	\$(250,251)	\$250,251	\$0
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
Art IX, Sec 17.06 Salary Increase for General State Employees (2014-15 GAA)	\$2,086	\$6,743	\$0
Art IX, Sec 18.02, Salary Increase for General State Employees (2016-17)	\$0	\$0	\$8,751
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	\$0	\$(200,248)	\$0
TOTAL, GR Dedicated - Water Resource Management Account No. 153	\$251,515	\$556,426	\$517,805
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED	\$251,515	\$556,426	\$517,805
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,574,748	\$2,391,724	\$2,234,094

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS			
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2014-15 GAA)	20.5	20.5	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2016-17 GAA)	0.0	0.0	25.5
RIDER APPROPRIATION			
Art.IX, Sec.18.15(b) (2014-2015 GAA) Contingency for HB 1600	5.0	5.0	0.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP			
Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap	(8.3)	(7.6)	0.0
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	17.2	17.9	25.5

NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense
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Agency name: Office of Public Utility Counsel

OBJECT OF EXPENSE	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,305,943	\$1,374,349	\$1,723,837
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$52,182	\$139,915	\$65,998
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$99,998	\$249,182	\$313,756
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$10,435	\$13,179	\$12,500
2004 UTILITIES	\$2,591	\$3,261	\$2,550
2005 TRAVEL	\$7,145	\$13,850	\$9,120
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$1,758	\$1,817	\$3,264
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$18,237	\$20,870	\$23,926
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$76,459	\$575,301	\$79,143
Agency Total	\$1,574,748	\$2,391,724	\$2,234,094

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud2016
1 Equitable Utility Rates for Residential and Small Commercial Consumers			
<i>I</i> <i>To Protect Consumers and Ensure Reasonable Rates</i>			
KEY 1 Percentage of OPUC Utility Cases that are Competition Related	0.00 %	0.00 %	40.00 %
2 Percentage of OPUC Utility Cases that are Resource Related	0.00 %	0.00 %	4.00 %
3 Current Year Bill Savings/Res/Sm Com Utility Consumer (In Millions)	0.00	0.00	18.00
2 Protect Consumer Interests in Utility Markets			
<i>I</i> <i>Promote Utility Choices and Consumer Protection Policies</i>			
1 Percent of OPUC Utility Projects that are Competition Related	0.00 %	0.00 %	40.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 475 Agency name: Office of Public Utility Counsel

GOAL: 1 Equitable Utility Rates for Residential and Small Commercial Consumers
OBJECTIVE: 1 To Protect Consumers and Ensure Reasonable Rates
STRATEGY: 1 Participate in Major Utility Cases

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 7 8
Service Categories:
Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
Output Measures:				
KEY 1	Number of Utility Cases in which OPUC Participates	0.00	0.00	30.00
2	Number of Utility Court Cases in which OPUC Participates	0.00	0.00	5.00
Efficiency Measures:				
KEY 1	Average Cost Per Utility Case in which OPUC Participates	0.00	0.00	47,674.00
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,086,310	\$1,168,653	\$1,206,687
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$42,561	\$119,018	\$46,199
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$99,998	\$249,182	\$219,629
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$8,360	\$10,598	\$8,750
2004	UTILITIES	\$2,073	\$2,434	\$1,785
2005	TRAVEL	\$7,145	\$13,850	\$6,384
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$1,370	\$1,418	\$2,285
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$14,590	\$16,996	\$16,748
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$64,251	\$487,628	\$55,400
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,326,658	\$2,069,777	\$1,563,867
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,075,143	\$1,513,351	\$1,201,403
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,075,143	\$1,513,351	\$1,201,403
Method of Financing:				
153	Water Resource Management	\$251,515	\$556,426	\$362,464
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS - DEDICATED)		\$251,515	\$556,426	\$362,464

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Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 7 8

OBJECTIVE: 1 To Protect Consumers and Ensure Reasonable Rates

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Participate in Major Utility Cases

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,326,658	\$2,069,777	\$1,563,867
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		14.4	15.3	17.8

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GOAL: 2 Protect Consumer Interests in Utility Markets
OBJECTIVE: 1 Promote Utility Choices and Consumer Protection Policies
STRATEGY: 1 Participate in Major Utility Projects Affecting Consumers

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 7 8
Service Categories:
Service: 02 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2014	EXP 2015	BUD 2016
Output Measures:				
1	Number of Utility Projects in which OPUC Participates	0.00	0.00	26.00
Efficiency Measures:				
1	Average Cost Per Utility Project	0.00	0.00	18,403.00
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$219,633	\$205,696	\$517,150
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$9,621	\$20,897	\$19,799
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$94,127
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$2,075	\$2,581	\$3,750
2004	UTILITIES	\$518	\$827	\$765
2005	TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$2,736
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$388	\$399	\$979
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,647	\$3,874	\$7,178
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$12,208	\$87,673	\$23,743
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$248,090	\$321,947	\$670,227
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$248,090	\$321,947	\$514,886
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$248,090	\$321,947	\$514,886
Method of Financing:				
153	Water Resource Management	\$0	\$0	\$155,341
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS - DEDICATED)		\$0	\$0	\$155,341

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TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :	\$248,090	\$321,947	\$670,227
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	2.8	2.6	7.7

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$1,574,748	\$2,391,724	\$2,234,094
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$1,574,748	\$2,391,724	\$2,234,094
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	17.2	17.9	25.5