

ITEM REDUCTIONS BY METHOD OF FINANCING
 81st Regular Session, 2010-11 Item Reductions
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Agency code: 475

Agency name: Office of Public Utility Counsel

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	2010	2011	Biennial Total	Target
1 Electric Proceedings				
<p>Item Comment: OPUC is reserving the requested reduction from A.1.1 Strategy, Electric Proceedings, expert witness funding. This reduction may reduce the number of electric cases OPUC is able to participate in, the robustness of OPUC's participation on certain issues important to residential and small commercial utility customers, and the comprehensives of OPUC's representation in those cases it is able to participate in based on the lack of funding to utilize expert witnesses. The utilization of expert witnesses in contested proceedings is critical to the agency's operations.</p> <p>OPUC prioritizes its participation in major electric litigated rate cases having the greatest effect on the most residential and small commercial customers, but the agency may have to reprioritize the number and types of issues it concentrates on in those cases depending on the availability of expert witnesses with limited availability of funding for those experts. OPUC may also have to decrease the number of smaller cases it participates in, that may not be as dependent upon expert testimony, but may result in agency attorneys having less time to devote to the smaller cases.</p>				
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				
1 General Revenue Fund	\$87,936	\$87,936		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$87,936	\$87,936		
Item Total	\$87,936	\$87,936		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$87,936	\$87,936		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$87,936	\$87,936	\$175,872	\$175,872

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.