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Fiscal Impact Statement for Public Utilities Commission rules governing Competitive Natural Gas Marketer and Aggregator Rules. [Puc 3000]

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

When compared to the existing rules the proposed rules will have an indeterminable fiscal impact on restricted revenue and on the costs to independently owned businesses in FY 2011 and each year thereafter.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

The proposed rules will allow competitive suppliers to renew registrations every five years instead of every two years and will require aggregators to pay a \$125 renewal fee the first two years after the initial registration and every five years thereafter. Fees collected are deposited into the Competitive Supplier Registration fund. The fee to renew a competitive supplier's registration is \$250. The Commission estimates it collects \$500 to \$1,250 in competitive supplier registration renewal fees every year. The rule will result in an indeterminable decrease in competitive supplier renewal fee revenue. The Commission estimates it will have seven aggregators renewing registrations in FY 2011 and nine aggregators renewing registrations in FY 2012 for an increase in restricted revenue of \$875 in FY 2011 and \$1,125 in FY 2012 from aggregators. The Commission is not able to estimate how many new competitive suppliers or aggregators will register and be subject to the registration renewal changes to provide the impact on restricted revenues beyond FY 2012.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

To the extent an independently owned business is a competitive supplier they may have a decrease in costs associated with renewing their registration and an increase in costs associated with obtaining a surety bond. To the extent an independently owned business is an aggregator they may have an increase in costs associated with renewing their registration.