

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	% Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	% Change Over FY24
GPR	0	751,750,000	0.0	3,500,000	-99.5
PR-F	3,021,800	3,537,300	17.1	3,537,300	0.0
PR-O	21,575,400	23,013,300	6.7	22,979,000	-0.1
SEG-S	2,000,000	2,000,000	0.0	2,000,000	0.0
SEG-O	6,533,600	6,582,200	0.7	6,582,200	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,130,800</b>	<b>786,882,800</b>	<b>2,275.1</b>	<b>38,598,500</b>	<b>-95.1</b>

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY24
PR-F	18.75	18.75	0.00	18.75	0.00
PR-O	139.00	146.50	7.50	146.50	0.00
SEG-O	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161.75</b>	<b>169.25</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>169.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The commission is an independent utility regulatory agency dedicated to serving the public interest. The commission works to ensure that, in the absence of competition, safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible service is provided to utility customers. The types of utilities regulated include electric, natural gas, water, combined water and sewer utilities, and certain aspects of local telephone service. More than 1,100 utilities are under the agency's jurisdiction. Most of these must obtain commission approval before changing rates or service terms, issuing stocks or bonds, or undertaking major construction projects such as power plants, water wells, natural gas distribution facilities and electricity transmission lines. The commission also awards grants related to broadband infrastructure, essential telecommunication services and energy innovation.

The commission is composed of three full-time commissioners who decide the cases brought to the commission for changes in utility operations and rates, and for construction projects after a complete and thorough review of all the records compiled in the case, including public comments. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for staggered six-year terms. One of these commissioners is appointed chairperson by the Governor for a two-year term. The commissioners' office, under the direction of the chairperson, has oversight of all staff-related activities.

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In keeping with its commitment to quality management principles, the commission is organized along regulatory and programmatic lines into four operating divisions: Division of Business Operations and Office Management; Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs; Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis; and Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis. Commission staff consists of auditors, accountants, engineers, rate analysts, attorneys, planners, research analysts, economists, consumer analysts, consumer specialists, court reporters, and paraprofessional and administrative support personnel. These experts work in an advisory role to the commissioners.

The primary function of the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads is to serve as the quasi-judicial agency that determines the public safety and convenience at over 4,300 rail-highway crossings in Wisconsin. The office also retains authority over the rates and services of intrastate water carriers. The office is attached to the commission for administrative purposes.

The office conducts formal investigations and public hearings based on the petition of a highway authority, local government, railroad or water carrier, or on the commissioner's own motion. At the end of an investigation, and public hearing if required, the commissioner issues an order on such matters as establishing a new crossing, closing a crossing, altering a crossing, repairing a rough crossing, correcting drainage issues, allowing exemptions for clearances and, most often, installing warning devices. The commissioner's orders are legally binding. The establishment of new crossings, closure of crossings and alteration of crossings all require the commissioner's approval beforehand as does the right to operate as a water carrier.

The office oversees a federal and state funding program that fully funds approximately 20 signal installations per year. The office allocates funding under a signal maintenance program which funds up to 50 percent of the cost of maintaining signal equipment at about 1,800 rail-highway crossings.

## **MISSION**

The mission of the commission is to ensure safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible utility services and equitable access to telecommunications and broadband services.

The primary mission of the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads is to ensure public safety and convenience in matters involving railroads, especially at rail-highway crossings, through a judiciary process. To fulfill its mission, the office investigates the adequacy of warning devices and the safety of the crossing itself, conducts hearings and issues legally binding orders regarding some 4,300 rail-highway crossings located throughout the state.

## **PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Program 1: Regulation of Public Utilities**

Goal: Ensure safe, reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy and water services are provided to Wisconsin's citizens and businesses.

Objective/Activity: Ensure reasonably priced water service is provided to consumers by efficiently processing requests for water rate adjustments under s. 196.20, Wisconsin Statutes, and under the Simplified Rate Case process.

Objective/Activity: Ensure that water, electric and gas rate cases in Wisconsin are completed within 200 days of filing.

Objective/Activity: Ensure water and electric utility construction cases are processed within statutory time lines.

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Objective/Activity: Ensure the safety of natural gas pipelines in Wisconsin by monitoring compliance with state and federal regulations through inspection and investigation activities.

Objective/Activity: Ensure that utility customers are not paying costs unrelated to the provision of retail utility service by completing an audit of every holding company once every three years.

Goal: Meet consumers' changing needs in Wisconsin's dynamic and competitive utility industry environment.

Objective/Activity: Thoroughly investigate, resolve and respond to consumer complaints from utility customers in a timely manner.

Objective/Activity: Facilitate consumers' access to competitive telecommunications providers by reviewing and approving Interconnection Agreements (ICAs) and arbitrating or mediating ICAs when providers cannot negotiate one.

Goal: Foster innovative, cost-effective and fiscally responsible water utility administration.

Objective/Activity: Actively engage and educate municipal utilities on the proper administration of utilities.

Objective/Activity: Perform timely outreach to financially troubled water utilities.

Goal: Continue to identify and address telecommunication needs of low-income households, those residing in high-rate areas of the state and customers with disabilities.

Objective/Activity: Meet demand for purchases of special telecommunications equipment by efficiently processing applications and promptly providing vouchers to approved, eligible disabled persons.

Objective/Activity: Ensure full telecommunications accessibility to citizens who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind and speech-disabled by holding regular Telecommunications Relay Service Council meetings to understand program challenges and successes.

## **Program 2: Office of the Commissioner of Railroads**

Goal: Protect the public by assuring safe rail-highway crossings are maintained in Wisconsin.

Objective/Activity: Improve the safety of rail-highway crossings in Wisconsin by enforcing compliance with state and federal regulations through inspection and investigation activities.

Objective/Activity: Improve the safety of rail-highway crossings in Wisconsin by participation in rail safety promotion activities.

Objective/Activity: Improve public safety at rail-highway crossings by maintaining a signal installation program that schedules signal projects several years in advance.

Objective/Activity: Improve public safety at rail-highway crossings by maintaining a signal maintenance program that provides funds for maintaining active warning devices.

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**Program 3: Affiliated Grant Programs**

Goal: Foster the expansion, adoption and use of broadband technologies in Wisconsin.

Objective/Activity: Update the Wisconsin broadband map twice per year.

Goal: Ensure quality broadband, essential telecommunication services and energy innovation are provided in Wisconsin by facilitating the development and administration of related grant programs.

Objective/Activity: Improve the likelihood of successful grant programs by working with grant recipients to ensure grant projects are successfully completed by the end of the grant performance period.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**2021 AND 2022 GOALS AND ACTUALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Goal 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>
1.	Average time noncontested water rate cases were processed from filing date of application.	200 days	217 days	200 days	176 days
1.	Percent of water Simplified Rate Cases processed within 45 days from application to Final Decision.	90%	99%	90%	100%
1.	Percent of water construction cases where a decision is issued within statutorily-required time lines.	100%	100%	100%	100%
1.	Average number of gas pipeline inspection days per inspector. <sup>1</sup>	85 days	91 days	85 days	92 days
1.	Average time noncontested electric and gas rate cases were processed from filing date of application.	200 days	235 days	200 days	252 days
1.	Percent of holding companies audited within the last three years.	100%	100%	100%	100%
1.	Percent of electric and natural gas construction cases where a decision is issued within statutorily-required time lines.	100%	100%	100%	100%
1.	Percent of inquiries and complaints acknowledged within 24 hours.	90%	92%	90%	97%
1.	Percent of telecommunications interconnection agreement reviews completed within 45 days.	85%	91%	85%	93%
1.	Percent of complaints with an informal determination provided within 25 days from the date the utility has provided a complete response.	80%	93%	80%	86%
1.	Number of training and outreach sessions, news articles, etc., commission staff provide to water utility staff and stakeholders.	20	36	20	27

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<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Goal 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>
1.	Average time to process applications for Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP) vouchers.	30 days	8 days	30 days	8 days
1.	Number of Telecommunications Relay Service Council meetings.	2	2	2	2
1.	Average time to identify and contact financially troubled water utilities, as measured from annual report filing date to commission letter filing date.	150 days	150 days	150 days	142 days
1., 3.	Percent of grant awards for all commission grant programs that are completed by the date indicated in the grant agreement.	100%	100%	100%	100%
2.	Number of unique crossing investigations and inspections completed each year.	450	259	450	388
2.	Percent of signal cases investigated within 90 days of notice issued.	90%	100%	90%	100%
2.	Percent of follow-up investigations (i.e., rechecks) conducted within 180 days of completion date.	90%	97%	90%	100%
2.	Percent of signal notices issued within 45 days.	80%	94%	80%	100%
2.	Percent of complaints of an informal, nondocketed nature responded to within 30 days.	85%	95%	85%	100%
2.	Number of external rail safety promotion activities and events conducted by office staff, including speaking engagements at rail safety meetings and conferences.	4	6	4	4
2.	Allocate signal project funding expenditure for fiscal year.	2024	2024 partial	2025	2025
2.	Number of highway-rail closure hearings and orders issued each year.	2	0	2	0
3.	Frequency of updates to Wisconsin's broadband map.	Every 6 months	> Every 6 months	Every 6 months	> Every 6 months

Note: Based on fiscal year, unless noted.

<sup>1</sup>Based on calendar year.

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**2023, 2024 AND 2025 GOALS**

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>
1.	Average time noncontested water rate cases were processed from filing date of application.	200 days	200 days	200 days
1.	Percent of water Simplified Rate Cases processed within 45 days from application to Final Decision.	90%	90%	90%
1.	Percent of water construction cases where a decision is issued within statutorily-required time lines.	100%	100%	100%
1.	Average number of gas pipeline inspection days per inspector. <sup>1</sup>	85 days	85 days	85 days
1.	Average time noncontested electric and gas rate cases were processed from filing date of application.	200 days	200 days	200 days
1.	Percent of holding companies audited within the last three years.	100%	100%	100%
1.	Percent of electric and natural gas construction cases where a decision is issued within statutorily-required time lines.	100%	100%	100%
1.	Percent of inquiries and complaints acknowledged within 24 hours.	90%	90%	90%
1.	Percent of telecommunications interconnection agreement reviews completed within 45 days.	85%	85%	85%
1.	Percent of complaints with an informal determination provided within 25 days from the date the utility has provided a complete response.	80%	80%	80%
1.	Number of training and outreach sessions, news articles, etc., commission staff provide to water utility staff and stakeholders.	20	20	20
1.	Average time to process applications for TEPP vouchers.	30 days	30 days	30 days
1.	Number of Telecommunications Relay Service Council meetings.	2	2	2
1.	Average time to identify and contact financially troubled water utilities, as measured from annual report filing date to commission letter filing date.	150 days	150 days	150 days
1., 3.	Percent of grant awards for all commission grant programs that are completed by the date indicated in the grant agreement.	100%	100%	100%

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<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>
2.	Number of unique crossing investigations and inspections completed each year.	450	450	450
2.	Percent of signal cases investigated within 90 days of notice issued.	90%	90%	90%
2.	Percent of follow-up investigations (i.e., rechecks) conducted within 180 days of completion date.	90%	90%	90%
2.	Percent of signal notices issued within 45 days.	80%	80%	80%
2.	Percent of complaints of an informal and nondocketed nature responded to within 30 days.	85%	85%	85%
2.	Number of external rail safety promotion activities and events conducted by office staff, including speaking engagements at rail safety meetings/conferences.	4	4	4
2.	Allocate signal project funding expenditure for fiscal year.	2026	2027	2028
2.	Conduct rail corridor study to identify crossing closure candidates. <sup>2</sup>	1	1	1
3.	Number of updates to Wisconsin's broadband map. <sup>3</sup>	2	2	2

Note: Based on fiscal year, unless noted.

<sup>1</sup>Based on calendar year.

<sup>2</sup>The noted performance measure and goals were revised for the upcoming biennium.

<sup>3</sup>Performance measure wording has been revised to provide additional clarity and/or consistency.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Broadband Expansion Funding
2. Strengthening the Broadband Expansion Grant Program
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5. Broadband Customer Protections
6. Digital Equity Expansion
7. Focus on Energy Program Expansion
8. Social Cost of Carbon
9. Enhanced Electricity Resource Planning
10. Nonutility-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
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20. Transfer of High-Voltage Transmission Line Fee Administration
21. Agency Equity Officer
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**Table 1  
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$751,750.0	\$3,500.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	751,750.0	3,500.0
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$110,157.2	\$3,021.8	\$3,540.8	\$3,540.8	\$3,537.3	\$3,537.3
State Operations	110,157.2	3,021.8	3,540.8	3,540.8	3,537.3	3,537.3
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$17,651.0	\$21,575.4	\$21,840.5	\$21,840.5	\$23,013.3	\$22,979.0
State Operations	17,430.4	21,032.9	21,298.0	21,298.0	22,470.8	22,436.5
Aids to Ind. & Org.	220.5	542.5	542.5	542.5	542.5	542.5
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$2,198.7	\$8,533.6	\$8,581.9	\$8,581.9	\$8,582.2	\$8,582.2
State Operations	412.5	593.6	641.9	641.9	642.2	642.2
Aids to Ind. & Org.	1,786.2	7,940.0	7,940.0	7,940.0	7,940.0	7,940.0
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$130,006.9	\$33,130.8	\$33,963.2	\$33,963.2	\$786,882.8	\$38,598.5
State Operations	128,000.1	24,648.3	25,480.7	25,480.7	26,650.3	26,616.0
Aids to Ind. & Org.	2,006.7	8,482.5	8,482.5	8,482.5	760,232.5	11,982.5

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2  
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
State Operations	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	139.00	139.00	139.00	146.50	146.50
State Operations	139.00	139.00	139.00	146.50	146.50
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Operations	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	161.75	161.75	161.75	169.25	169.25
State Operations	161.75	161.75	161.75	169.25	169.25

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

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**Table 3  
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Regulation of public utilities	\$129,982.1	\$29,881.8	\$30,671.5	\$30,671.5	\$31,842.1	\$31,807.8
2. Office of the commissioner of railroads	\$545.3	\$655.4	\$649.8	\$649.8	\$648.5	\$648.5
3. Affiliated grant programs	-\$520.5	\$2,593.6	\$2,641.9	\$2,641.9	\$754,392.2	\$6,142.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$130,006.9</b>	<b>\$33,130.8</b>	<b>\$33,963.2</b>	<b>\$33,963.2</b>	<b>\$786,882.8</b>	<b>\$38,598.5</b>

**Table 4  
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Regulation of public utilities	151.75	151.75	151.75	159.25	159.25
2. Office of the commissioner of railroads	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
3. Affiliated grant programs	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>161.75</b>	<b>161.75</b>	<b>161.75</b>	<b>169.25</b>	<b>169.25</b>

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**1. Broadband Expansion Funding**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	750,000,000	0.00	0	0.00
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	80,300	1.00	102,900	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750,080,300</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>102,900</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends providing a significant one-time investment of GPR in a continuing appropriation in the broadband expansion grant program with the requirement that the commission spend at least \$75 million annually. The Governor also recommends providing position and expenditure authority for an additional position in the State Broadband Office to assist with the expanded broadband grant program.

**2. Strengthening the Broadband Expansion Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	86,700	1.00	111,200	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>86,700</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>111,200</b>	<b>1.00</b>

The Governor recommends several statutory language modifications to encourage the expansion of adequate broadband access to all Wisconsin residents, including: (a) eliminating references to broadband "underserved" and strengthening the definition of broadband "unserved" as an area that lacks access to reliable, available and affordable service of download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second and upload speeds of 20 megabits per second; (b) requiring the commission to evaluate the minimum speed under which an area is considered broadband "unserved" every even-numbered year; (c) modernizing the criteria by which the commission evaluates applications for the program; and (d) establishing a challenge process for applicants participating in the program. The Governor also recommends providing position and expenditure authority to support the administration of the grant program challenge process.

**3. Supporting Municipal Broadband**

The Governor recommends amending statutory provisions that discourage municipalities from providing broadband service to residents in broadband "unserved" areas. The Governor also recommends modifying current law to allow these same municipalities to apply for grants under the broadband expansion grant program.

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**4. Broadband Line Extension Grant Program**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,750,000	0.00	3,500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,750,000	0.00	3,500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding to establish a broadband line extension grant program, which will provide grants or financial assistance to eligible households to subsidize the cost of a line extension from existing broadband infrastructure to a residence.

**5. Broadband Customer Protections**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to protect broadband customers by requiring broadband service providers to meet certain service requirements, including prohibiting a broadband service provider from denying service to residential customers on the basis of race or income. See Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Item #26.

**6. Digital Equity Expansion**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to provide the commission with additional flexibility to reallocate state universal service funds for digital equity expansion initiatives.

**7. Focus on Energy Program Expansion**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to allow the commission to double the funds available to the Focus on Energy program to 2.4 percent of each utility's annual operating revenues. The Governor also recommends modifying current law to include electrification projects as qualifying energy efficiency projects.

**8. Social Cost of Carbon**

The Governor recommends requiring the commission to establish the social cost of carbon and reevaluate this cost on a biennial basis. The Governor also recommends requiring the commission to consider the social cost of carbon when evaluating construction certifications.

**9. Enhanced Electricity Resource Planning**

The Governor recommends requiring electric utilities with owned generation to submit biennial integrated resource plans that evaluate the utility's ability to meet long-term electricity demand and its planned approach to integrate clean energy into its portfolio. The Governor also recommends modifying the framework of the commission's biennial Strategic Energy Assessment to integrate utility-specific, long-term electricity resource planning.

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**10. Nonutility-Owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to exempt a nonutility that supplies electricity through an electric vehicle charging station from the definition of a public utility. See Department of Transportation, Item #3.

**11. Energy Improvements Low-Cost Debt Financing**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to allow utilities to offer inclusive on-bill, low-cost debt financing of energy improvements for residential, commercial and governmental customers.

**12. Lead Service Line Grant Assistance**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to allow utilities to provide financial assistance in the form of 100 percent grant funding for the replacement of lead service lines for property owners.

**13. Utility Rate Affordability and Equity**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to clarify that the establishment of discounted utility rates for low-income customers does not qualify as rate discrimination if the rates are approved by the commission and published in the utility's schedule or tariffs.

**14. Securitization of Retiring Power Plants**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to allow utilities to securitize the entire remaining unpaid balance of a retiring power plant, in addition to the unpaid balance of pollution control equipment.

**15. Initiatives to Support Water Utilities**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	773,400	2.00	612,500	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	773,400	2.00	612,500	2.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority to establish a water loss control training program for water utilities serving populations of 3,300 or more residents. The Governor also recommends providing position and expenditure authority to modernize the commission's water utility reporting database and to support an enhanced water utility data reporting compliance review program.

**16. Intervenor Compensation Program**

The Governor recommends reserving \$50,000 annually of intervenor compensation funding for equity-focused intervenors who plan to review economic and environmental issues impacting low-income populations.

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**17. Civil Penalties for Gas Pipeline Safety Violations**

The Governor recommends modifying current law to increase civil penalties for gas pipeline safety violations, aligning state statutes with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

**18. Positions to Support Cybersecurity**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	173,400	2.00	222,500	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	173,400	2.00	222,500	2.00

The Governor recommends providing position and expenditure authority to support critical cybersecurity activities at the commission.

**19. Engineering Modeling Software**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00
TOTAL	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00	170,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority for annual licensing and other associated costs for advanced engineering modeling software to allow the commission to better evaluate utility rate requests.

**20. Transfer of High-Voltage Transmission Line Fee Administration**

The Governor recommends transferring the administration and payment of environmental impact fees for high-voltage transmission lines from the Department of Administration to the commission. See Department of Administration, Item #41.

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**21. Agency Equity Officer**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	35,900	0.50	46,000	0.50
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	35,900	0.50	46,000	0.50

The Governor recommends creating a new agency equity officer position within the Office of the Chairperson. The agency equity officer will collaborate with the Chief Equity Officer within the Department of Administration and agency equity officers within other agencies to identify opportunities to advance equity in government operations, including determining how current government practices and policies impact communities of color and individuals with disabilities. See Department of Administration, Item #15; Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Item #30; Department of Children and Families, Item #35; Department of Corrections, Item #33; Department of Financial Institutions, Item #8; Department of Health Services, Item #120; Department of Justice, Item #33; Department of Military Affairs, Item #19; Department of Natural Resources, Item #76; Department of Public Instruction, Item #54; Department of Revenue, Item #53; Department of Safety and Professional Services, Item #29; Department of Tourism, Item #9; Department of Transportation, Item #60; Department of Veterans Affairs, Item #14; Department of Workforce Development, Item #30; and Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Item #29.

**22. Agency Tribal Liaison**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	60,800	1.00	81,100	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	60,800	1.00	81,100	1.00

The Governor recommends creating a position that will be dedicated to working with tribal nations in the state. The position will coordinate with the Department of Administration's Director of Native American Affairs. See Department of Administration, Item #44; Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Item #31; Department of Corrections, Item #34; Department of Justice, Item #34; Department of Tourism, Item #10; and Department of Workforce Development, Item #31.

**23. State Operations Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
SEG-O	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,900	0.00	1,900	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	1,900	0.00	1,900	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting expenditure authority in certain state operations appropriations to reflect increased supplies and services costs related to the provision of current programmatic requirements.

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**24. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-F	519,000	0.00	519,000	0.00	515,500	0.00	515,500	0.00
PR-O	95,100	0.00	95,100	0.00	57,400	0.00	57,400	0.00
SEG-O	48,300	0.00	48,300	0.00	46,700	0.00	46,700	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>662,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>662,400</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>619,600</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>619,600</b>	<b>0.00</b>

The Governor recommends adjusting the commission's base budget for: (a) turnover reduction (-\$301,600 in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$937,200 in each year); (c) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$26,800 in each year); and (d) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$42,800 in each year).