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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Martinez DATE TYPED: 03/04/01 HB 191/aHJC  
 SHORT TITLE: Revise PRC Rulemaking Procedures SB \_\_\_\_\_  
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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HJC Amendments

The House Judiciary Committee amendments increases the number of newspapers publishing notice from one to two.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

HB 191 amends Section 8-8-15 NMSA 1978, by revising procedures for providing notice of proposed rulemaking by the Public Regulation Commission. Specifically, shortening from sixty to thirty days the publishing of notice and mailing of hearing date to persons requesting notice.

#### Significant Issues of HJC Amendments

Decreases the likelihood that notice will be inadequate.

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Reduces notice from three newspapers of general circulation to the New Mexico register and a newspaper of general circulation for provisions affecting the entire state.

Thirty days notice may be a restrictive time period due to scheduling difficulties and travel plans for interested parties wishing to attend hearings.

### POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

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1. Are we risking possible exclusion of stakeholders by streamlining the notice policy?
2. What is the benefit of these changes?

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