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FY25 Base Appropriation – General Fund	\$12,903,000
FY26 Base Appropriation Request – General Fund	\$13,707,400
FY26 Request for Additional Positions (Salaries and Equipment) – General Fund	\$627,900 / 5 FTE
FY26 Non-Recurring Appropriation Request – General Fund	\$1,800,000

Agency Overview -

The PRC oversees the regulation of electric, gas, water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, as well as limited matters regarding telecommunications. The Commission is focused on providing growth for employees, employee retention through means of adequate compensation, reforming processes, and increasing capacity.

FY26 Priorities - Recurring

Request for Additional Positions

- **Commissioners** – Additional positions to provide market analysis, research and FERC coverage.
 - 2 FTE - Commissioners Analyst positions approximately each \$135,000 for salaries and benefits
- **Hearing Examiners** - Additional position needed to provide the Hearing Examiners with the capacity it needs to handle the caseload, clear the backlog and provide written decisions in a more timely manner to ensure administrative hearings proceed with a minimum of delay.
 - 1 FTE - 1 Attorney position approximately \$112,100 for salaries and benefits
- **Consumer Relations Division** – Position would act as a consumer advocate to assist consumers with navigating the complaint process within the PRC and with other organizations. Also, this position would be tasked with community outreach and education and would be expected to travel around the state educating citizens on PRC and utility matters.
 - 1 FTE - 1 consumer advocate/community outreach position approximately \$86,000 for salaries and benefits.
- **Administrative Services** - This position is intended to oversee and monitor the current federal awards as well as identify, apply for, and manage any new federal awards that could further benefit the PRC.
 - 1 FTE - Grants Management position approximately \$94,500 for salaries and benefits

FY26 Priorities - Non-Recurring –

FY26 Special Appropriations –

- IT Modernization - \$1,000,000
 - Request includes costs for a new case/litigation management system and document review/e-discovery software. These will be off-the-shelf solutions and will assist in increasing productivity and PRC ability to handle increasing case load. Additionally, these projects will significantly increase transparency and ease of public participation
- IT Modernization/Equipment - \$100,000
 - This includes the purchase of approximately 50 laptop computers to replace old equipment for employees. PRC has identified the significant need for new laptops as users are using laptops up to 7 years old.
- Community Solar - \$700,000
 - To facilitate the Community Solar program.