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Agency: Public Utilities Commission

In accordance with 67-3502 Idaho Code, I certify the included budget properly states the receipts and expenditures of the departments (agency, office, or institution) for the fiscal years indicated.

Signature of Department

Director:

Eric Anderson

Date: 10/17/2023

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				FY 2023 Total Appropriation	FY 2023 Total Expenditures	FY 2024 Original Appropriation	FY 2024 Estimated Expenditures	FY 2025 Total Request
Appr	opriation Unit							
Utili	ities Regulation			6,996,200	6,025,000	7,183,600	7,193,600	7,284,400
			Total	6,996,200	6,025,000	7,183,600	7,193,600	7,284,400
Ву Б	und Source							
D	12500	Dedicated		219,300	36,400	219,300	219,300	219,300
D	22920	Dedicated		6,418,500	5,726,400	6,593,600	6,603,600	6,690,600
F	34800	Federal		358,400	262,200	370,700	370,700	374,500
			Total	6,996,200	6,025,000	7,183,600	7,193,600	7,284.400
Ву А	ccount Catego	ory						
Pers	sonnel Cost			4,992,900	4,426,700	5,120,000	5,120,000	5,224,800
Оре	erating Expense	е		2,003,300	1,579,900	1,990,000	1,991,400	1,998,800
Cap	oital Outlay			0	18,400	73,600	82,200	60,800
			Total	6,996,200	6,025,000	7,183,600	7,193,600	7,284,400
FTF	Positions			49.00	49.00	48.00	48.00	48.00
			Total	49.00	49.00	48.00	48.00	48.00

#### Division Description Request for Fiscal Year: 2025

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Statutory Authority: Idaho Code Title 61 & 62

The Public Utilities Commission advocates actions and policies to ensure that citizens of Idaho have access to high-quality telecommunications, electric, gas, and water utility services at reasonable rates.

It's activities include monitoring legislatively mandated communication programs, providing technical advice to the Commission members, monitoring utility earnings and operations, and investigating proposed rate changes and consumer complaints. The Commission is also responsible for administering a Pipeline Safety Program, as well as a Rail Safety Program for Hazardous Materials.

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#### IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FY 2022 Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner (President) John Hammond **Edward Lodge Eric Anderson** 4 Deputy Attorney Generals 3 Policy Analysts Executive Director (M. (S. Goodson, J. Haver, DHR (1 HR Barratt-Riley) 1 vacant) Specialist) Administration Division **Public Information Utilities Division Commission Secretary** Deputy Administrator Officer (A. Rush) Administrator (T. Carlock) (J. Noriyuki) (vacant) 2 Rail Inspector 3 Administration Financial Spec Program Manager -2 Office Specialists II (W. Andrews, 1 1 Office Specialist I Senior (N. Ashcraft) Assistants (K. Hawker, I Pipeline Safety (J. (A. Velasquez, vacant) (S. Johnson) Elmasian, L. Miracle) Brooks) M.Barrios-Sanchez) 2 Pipeline Financial Tech Sr. Program Manager -Inspector (B. Program Manager-Program Manager -Program Manager -(M. Burton) Consumer Perkins, M. Galli) Engineering, (M. Technical Analysis (T. Audit & Accounting, Assistance/Compliance Thomas) Louis) (D. English) (C. McEwan) 4 Compliance 4 Auditor 1 (J. Total Commission FTPS: 48 2 Technical Engineer 4 Utility Analyst (K. Investigator (C. Chandler, L. 3 vacant Keyt, K. Loskot, D. Hecht, J. Bossard, C.

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Agency: Public Utilities Commission

Request for Fiscal Year: 2025

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		FY 21 Actuals	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Estimated Revenue	FY 25 Estimated Revenue	Significant Assumptions
Fund 12500 India	rect Cost Recovery-Swcap						
410	License, Permits & Fees	0	1,200	0	0	0	
450	Fed Grants & Contributions	34,200	37,400	39,468	42,000	45,000	
470	Other Revenue	0	100	0	0	0	
In	direct Cost Recovery-Swcap Total	34,200	38,700	39,468	42,000	45,000	
Fund 22920 Stat Fun	e Regulatory Funds: Public Utilities C d	ommission					
410	License, Permits & Fees	5,248,200	4,748,000	5,220,858	6,270,000	6,690,600	
445	Sale of Land, Buildings & Equipment	4,500	0	14,000	0	0	
470	Other Revenue	11,100	3,100	3,308	0	0	
State	Regulatory Funds: Public Utilities Commission Fund Total	5,263,800	4,751,100	5,238,166	6,270,000	6,690,600	
Fund 34800 Fed	eral (Grant)						
450	Fed Grants & Contributions	215,400	187,100	241,722	370,700	374,500	
	Federal (Grant) Total	215,400	187,100	241,722	370,700	374,500	
	Agency Name Total	5,513,400	4,976,900		6,682,700	7,110,100	

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Agency: Public Utilities Commission

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Fund:

Indirect Cost Recovery-Swcap

Sources and Uses:

The source of revenue is the collection of indirect cost on actual expenditures from federal grants. Currently, the only grant is the pipeline safety grant. Examples of allowable costs include office space, communication costs, and supplies.

		FY 21 Actuals	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Estimate	FY 25 Estimate	
01.	Beginning Free Fund Balance	56,381	24,980	(4,366)	(1,266)	(178,566)	
02.	Encumbrances as of July 1	0	0	0	0	0	
02a.	Reappropriation (Legislative Carryover)	0	0	0	0	0	
03.	Beginning Cash Balance	56,381	24,980	(4,366)	(1,266)	(178,566)	
04.	Revenues (from Form B-11)	34,239	38,671	39,500	42,000	45,000	
05.	Non-Revenue Receipts and Other Adjustments	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
06.	Statutory Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	
07.	Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	
08.	Total Available for Year	130,620	103,651	75,134	80,734	(93,566)	
09.	Statutory Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	. 0	
10.	Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0	
11.	Non-Expenditure Distributions and Other Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	
12.	Cash Expenditures for Prior Year Encumbrances	0	0	0	0	0	
13.	Original Appropriation	219,300	219,300	219,300	219,300	219,300	
14.	Prior Year Reappropriations, Supplementals, Recessions	0	0	0	0	0	
15.	Non-cogs, Receipts to Appropriations, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	
16.	Reversions and Continuous Appropriations	(153,660)	(151,283)	(182,900)	0	0	
17.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0	
18.	Reserve for Current Year Encumbrances	0	0	0	0	0	
19.	Current Year Cash Expenditures	65,640	68,017	36,400	219,300	219,300	
19a.	Budgetary Basis Expenditures (CY Cash Exp + CY Enc)	65,640	68,017	36,400	219,300	219,300	
20.	Ending Cash Balance	64,980	35,634	38,734	(138,566)	(312,866)	
21.	Prior Year Encumbrances as of June 30	0	0	0	0	0	
22.	Current Year Encumbrances as of June 30	0	0	0	0	0	
22a.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0	
23.	Borrowing Limit	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
24.	Ending Free Fund Balance	24,980	(4,366)	(1,266)	(178,566)	(352,866)	
24a.	Investments Direct by Agency (GL 1203)	0	0	0	0	0	
24b.	Ending Free Fund Balance Including Direct Investments	24,980	(4,366)	(1,266)	(178,566)	(352,866)	
26.	Outstanding Loans (if this fund is part of a loan program)	0	0	0	0	0	
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Agency: Public Utilities Commission

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Fund: State Regulatory Funds: Public Utilities Commission Fund

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#### Sources and Uses:

Each public utility and railroad corporation, subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, annually pays a special regulatory fee in such amount as determined by the commission (§61-1001, §61-1004). The fee shall not exceed 1% of the gross operating re The moneys from this fund are used to pay the costs of regulating utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.

		FY 21 Actuals	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Estimate	FY 25 Estimate
01.	Beginning Free Fund Balance	4,078,821	4,888,609	4,657,717	4,191,384	3,847,784
02.	Encumbrances as of July 1	184,771	1,864	13,167	(10,000)	0
02a.	Reappropriation (Legislative Carryover)	0	0	0	0	0
03.	Beginning Cash Balance	4,263,592	4,890,473	4,670,884	4,181,384	3,847,784
04.	Revenues (from Form B-11)	5,263,839	4,751,080	5,242,900	6,270,000	6,690,600
05.	Non-Revenue Receipts and Other Adjustments	0	1,300	14,000	0	0
06.	Statutory Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
07.	Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
08.	Total Available for Year	9,527,431	9,642,853	9,927,784	10,451,384	10,538,384
09.	Statutory Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Non-Expenditure Distributions and Other Adjustments	0	(788)	0	0	0
12.	Cash Expenditures for Prior Year Encumbrances	131,490	1,747	13,200	10,000	0
13.	Original Appropriation	5,998,300	6,148,500	6,418,500	6,593,600	6,690,600
14.	Prior Year Reappropriations, Supplementals, Recessions	0	0	14,000	0	0
15.	Non-cogs, Receipts to Appropriations, etc.	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Reversions and Continuous Appropriations	(1,491,085)	(1,164,323)	(709.300)	0	0
17.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Reserve for Current Year Encumbrances	(1,747)	(13,167)	10,000	0	0
19.	Current Year Cash Expenditures	4,505,468	4,971,010	5,733,200	6,593,600	6,690,600
19a.	Budgetary Basis Expenditures (CY Cash Exp + CY Enc)	4,507,215	4,984,177	5,723,200	6,593,600	6,690,600
20.	Ending Cash Balance	4,890,473	4,670,884	4,181,384	3,847,784	3,847,784
21.	Prior Year Encumbrances as of June 30	117	0	0	0	0
22.	Current Year Encumbrances as of June 30	1,747	13,167	(10,000)	0	0
22a.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Borrowing Limit	0	0	0	0	0
24.	Ending Free Fund Balance	4,888,609	4,657,717	4,191,384	3,847,784	3,847,784
24a.	Investments Direct by Agency (GL 1203)	0	0	0	0	0
24b.	Ending Free Fund Balance Including Direct Investments	4,888,609	4,657,717	4,191,384	3,847,784	3,847,784
26.	Outstanding Loans (if this fund is part of a loan program)	0	0	0	0	0
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Agency: Public Utilities Commission

Fund: Federal (Grant)

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Sources and Uses:

Revenue is derived from a federal DOT grant through the Office of Pipeline Safety. The grant provides partial funding for the physical inspection of pipelines, evaluation of operating procedures,

and investigation of accidents. This includes support of 2 inspectors, and one program manager, training, operating costs, and computer equipment.

		FY 21 Actuals	FY 22 Actuals	FY 23 Actuals	FY 24 Estimate	FY 25 Estimate
01.	Beginning Free Fund Balance	32,396	(102,205)	(59,346)	(279,824)	(479,824)
02.	Encumbrances as of July 1	0	0	0	0	0
02a.	Reappropriation (Legislative Carryover)	0	0	0	0	0
03.	Beginning Cash Balance	32,396	(102,205)	(59,346)	(279,824)	(479,824)
04.	Revenues (from Form B-11)	215,417	187,083	241,722	370,700	374,500
05.	Non-Revenue Receipts and Other Adjustments	200,000	199,800	0	0	0
06.	Statutory Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
07.	Operating Transfers In	10,239	0	0	0	0
08.	Total Available for Year	458,052	284,678	182,376	90,876	(105,324)
09.	Statutory Transfers Out	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Operating Transfers Out	66,112	5,726	0	0	0
11.	Non-Expenditure Distributions and Other Adjustments	9.785	798	0	0	0
12.	Cash Expenditures for Prior Year Encumbrances	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Original Appropriation	336,600	341,800	358,400	370,700	374,500
14.	Prior Year Reappropriations, Supplementals, Recessions	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Non-cogs, Receipts to Appropriations, etc.	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Reversions and Continuous Appropriations	(52,240)	(204,300)	(96,200)	0	0
17.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Reserve for Current Year Encumbrances	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Current Year Cash Expenditures	284,360	137,500	262,200	370,700	374,500
19a.	Budgetary Basis Expenditures (CY Cash Exp + CY Enc)	284,360	137,500	262,200	370,700	374,500
20.	Ending Cash Balance	97,795	140,654	(79,824)	(279,824)	(479,824)
21.	Prior Year Encumbrances as of June 30	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Current Year Encumbrances as of June 30	0	0	0	0	0
22a.	Current Year Reappropriation	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Borrowing Limit	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
24.	Ending Free Fund Balance	(102,205)	(59,346)	(279,824)	(479,824)	(679,824)
24a.	Investments Direct by Agency (GL 1203)	0	0	0	0	0
24b.	Ending Free Fund Balance Including Direct Investments	(102,205)	(59,346)	(279,824)	(479,824)	(679,824)
26.	Outstanding Loans (if this fund is part of a loan program)	0	0	0	0	0
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	FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
Agency Public Utilities Commission						900
Division Public Utilities Commission						PU1
Appropriation Unit Utilities Regulation						PCAB
FY 2023 Total Appropriation						
1.00 FY 2023 Total Appropriation						PCAB
S1393,S1417	0.00	0	240 200	0	0	240 200
12500 Dedicated 22920 Dedicated	0.00 46.00	0 4,703,700	219,300 1,714,800	0	0	219,300 6,418,500
34800 Federal	3.00	289,200	69,200	0	0	358.400
7 535.6.	49.00	4,992,900	2,003,300	0	0	6,996.200
1.13 PY Executive Carry Forward		1,000,000	,,			PCAB
22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	13,200	0	13,200
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	0	0	13,200	0	13,200
1.41 Receipts to Appropriation						PCAB
5 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				44,000	^	44.000
22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	14,000	0	14,000 0
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	14,000	0	14.000
1.61 Reverted Appropriation Balances		U	O	14,000	O	PCAB
7.01 Neverted / ppropriation Editation						
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	(182,900)	0	0	(182,900)
OT 12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
22920 Dedicated	0.00	(497,900)	(211,200)	(200)	0	(709,300)
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
34800 Federal	0.00	(68,300)	(27,900)	0	0	(96,200)
OT 34800 Federal	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	(566,200)	(422,000)	(200)	0	(988,400)
1.81 CY Executive Carry Forward Book Cases and Chairs delayed due to	factory suppl	v chain nrohlems				PCAB
22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	(1,400)	(8,600)	0	(10,000)
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	0	(1,400)	(8,600)	0	(10,000)
FY 2023 Actual Expenditures						
2.00 FY 2023 Actual Expenditures						PCAB
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	36,400	0	0	36,400
OT 12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
22920 Dedicated	46.00	4,205,800	1,502,200	18,400	0	5,726,400
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
34800 Federal	3.00	220,900	41,300	0	0	262,200
OT 34800 Federal	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	49.00	4,426,700	1,579,900	18,400	0	6,025.000
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	FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
FY 2024 Original Appropriation						
3.00 FY 2024 Original Appropriation	1					PCAB
S1200, H322						
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
22920 Dedicated	45.00	4,818,500	1,701,500	0	0	6,520,000
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	73,600	0	73,600
34800 Federal	3.00	301,500	69,200	0	0	370,700
	48.00	5,120,000	1,990,000	73,600	0	7,183,600
FY 2024Total Appropriation						
5.00 FY 2024 Total Appropriation						PCAB
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
22920 Dedicated	45.00	4,818,500	1,701,500	0	0	6,520.000
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	73,600	0	73,600
34800 Federal	3.00	301,500	69,200	0	0	370,700
	48.00	5,120,000	1,990,000	73,600	0	7,183,600
Appropriation Adjustments						
6.11 Executive Carry Forward						PCAB
Book Cases and chairs delivered after	,					
22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	1,400	8,600	0	10,000
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	0	1,400	8,600	0	10,000
6.41 FTP Adjustment						PCAB
This decision unit reflects a FTP adju						
22920 Dedicated	1.20	0	0	0	0	0
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
34800 Federal	(1.20)	0	0	0	0	0
OT 34800 Federal	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
FY 2024 Estimated Expenditures 7.00 FY 2024 Estimated Expenditure	res					PCAB
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
22920 Dedicated	46.20	4,818,500	1,702,900	8,600	0	6,530,000
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	73,600	0	73,600
34800 Federal	1.80	301,500	69,200	0	0	370,700
OT 34800 Federal	0.00	0 E 130 000	1 001 400	0	0	7 103 600
Base Adjustments	48.00	5,120.000	1,991,400	82,200	0	7.193,600
8.11 FTP or Fund Adjustments This decision unit aligns the agency's	FTP allocation	by fund				PCAB
This decision unit makes a fund shift			funds due to ava	ilable federal award	ls for the current ye	ear.
22920 Dedicated	1.20	0	0	0	0	0
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			FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
	34800	Federal	(1.20)	0	0	0	0	0
			0.00	0	0	0	0	0
8.41	Rem	oval of One-Time Expenditu	res					PCAB
Th	is decisio	on unit removes one-time app	propriation fo	r FY 2024				
0	T 22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	(73,600)	0	(73,600)
			0.00	0	0	(73,600)	0	(73,600)
FY 2025	5 Base							
9.00	FY 20	025 Base						PCAB
	12500	Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
	22920	Dedicated	46.20	4,818,500	1,701,500	0	0	6,520,000
01	T 22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	34800	Federal	1.80	301,500	69,200	0	0	370.700
			48.00	5,120,000	1,990,000	0	0	7,110,000
Program	n Mainte	nance						
10.11		ige in Health Benefit Costs						PCAB
Th		on unit reflects a change in the						
		Dedicated	0.00	32,200	0	0	0	32,200
	34800	Federal	0.00	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
			0.00	33,500	0	0	0	33,500
10.12		ige in Variable Benefit Costs						PCAB
Th		on unit reflects a change in ve						
	22920	Dedicated	0.00	23,000	0	0	0	23,000
	34800	Federal	0.00	900	0	0	0	900
			0.00	23,900	0	0	0	23,900
10.31	Repa	ir, Replacement, or Alteratio	n Costs					PCAB
01	22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	14,000	0	14,000
			0.00	0	0	14,000	0	14,000
10.32	Repa	ir, Replacement, or Alteratio	n Costs					PCAB
ОТ	22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	5,600	0	5,600
			0.00	0	0	5,600	0	5,600
10.33	Repa	ir, Replacement, or Alteratio	n Costs					PCAB
ОТ	22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
			0.00	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
10.34	Repa	ir, Replacement, or Alteratio	n Costs					PCAB
ОТ	22920	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	41,200	0	41,200
			0.00	0	0	41,200	0	41.200
10.35	Repa	ir, Replacement, or Alteratio	n Costs					PCAB

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	FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	7,800	0	0	7,800
	0.00	0	7,800	0	0	7,800
10.36 Repair, Replacement, or Alteration	on Costs					PCAB
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
10.61 Salary Multiplier - Regular Emplo	yees					PCAB
This decision unit reflects a 1% salary r	nultiplier for R	tegular Employees	i.			
22920 Dedicated	0.00	41,300	0	0	0	41,300
34800 Federal	0.00	1,600	0	0	0	1,600
	0.00	42,900	0	0	0	42,900
FY 2025 Total Maintenance						
11.00 FY 2025 Total Maintenance						PCAB
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
22920 Dedicated	46.20	4,915,000	1,701,500	0	0	6,616,500
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	8,800	60,800	0	69,600
34800 Federal	1.80	305,300	69,200	0	0	374,500
	48.00	5,220,300	1.998,800	60,800	0	7,279,900
Line Items						
12.01 Commissioner Placeholder						PCAB
Placeholder for 1% CEC for Commission	ners as direc	ted by DFM				
22920 Dedicated	0.00	4,500	0	0	0	4,500
	0.00	4,500	0	0	0	4.500
FY 2025 Total						
13.00 FY 2025 Total						PCAB
12500 Dedicated	0.00	0	219,300	0	0	219,300
22920 Dedicated	46.20	4,919,500	1,701,500	0	0	6,621,000
OT 22920 Dedicated	0.00	0	8,800	60,800	0	69,600
34800 Federal	1.80	305,300	69,200	0	0	374,500
	48.00	5,224,800	1,998,800	60,800	0	7,284,400

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**Decision Unit Number** 

Descriptive 12.01

Title

Commissioner Placeholder

		General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals					
50 - Personnel Cost		0	4,500	0	4,500
55 -		0	0	0	0
70 -		0	0	0	0
80 -		0	0	0	0
	Totals	0	4,500	0	4,500
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appropriation Unit:	Utilities Regulation					PCAB	
Personnel Cost							
503 Brd	I/Cmsn Members		0	4,500	0	4,500	
		Personnel Cost Total	0	4,500	0	4,500	
			0	4,500	0	4,500	

### Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

Placeholder for 1% CEC for Commissioners. The salary increase is adjusted in Idaho Code 63-102.

### If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

n/a

### Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

The salary increase is adjusted in Idaho Code 63-102.

### Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

n/a

### What resources are necessary to implement this request?

dedicated fund spending authority

### List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

n/a

#### Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

n/a

#### Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

n/a

#### Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

1% CEC placeholder

### Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

n/a

### Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

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### **PCF Detail Report**

Request for Fiscal Year:  $\frac{202}{5}$ 

Agency: Public Utilities Commission

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Appropriation Unit: Utilities Regulation

PCAB 22920

Fund: State Regulatory Funds: Public Utilities Commission Fund

Class	Description	FTP	Salary	Health	Benefits	Total
om Persoi	nnel Cost Forecast (PCF)					
	Permanent Positions	43.20	3,175,177	591,250	693,668	4,460,095
	Total from PCF	43.20	3,175,177	591,250	693,668	4,460,095
	FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	45.00	3,495,102	618,750	704,648	4,818,500
	Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded:	1.80	319,925	27,500	10,980	358,405
ents to Wa	age and Salary					
		1.00	70.000	13,750	14,813	98,563
		1.00	55,520	13,750	12,304	81,574
	Executive Assistant 8810	1.00	70,000	13,750	14,813	98,563
ed Salary N	leeds					
	Board, Group, & Missing Positions	3.00	195,520	41,250	41,930	278,700
	Permanent Positions	43.20	3,175,177	591,250	693,668	4,460,095
	Estimated Salary and Benefits	46.20	3,370,697	632,500	735,598	4,738,795
d Over or (	Under) Funding					
,	Original Appropriation	(1.20)	124,405	(13,750)	(30,950)	79,705
	•	.00	124,405	(13,750)	(30,950)	79,705
	Base	.00	124,405	(13,750)	(30,950)	79,705
	ents to Wa 2890N R90 750C R90 2708N R90 d Salary N	Permanent Positions  Total from PCF  FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION  Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded: ents to Wage and Salary  2890N Policy Strategist R90  750C Safety Inspector Regulated Utilities R90  2708N Executive Assistant 8810 R90  d Salary Needs Board, Group, & Missing Positions Permanent Positions  Estimated Salary and Benefits Over or (Under) Funding Original Appropriation Estimated Expenditures	Total from PCF 43.20  FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION 45.00  Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded: 1.80  ents to Wage and Salary 2890N Policy Strategist 1.00 R90 750C Safety Inspector Regulated Utilities 1.00 R90 2708N Executive Assistant 8810 1.00 R90 d Salary Needs Board, Group, & Missing Positions 3.00 Permanent Positions 43.20  Estimated Salary and Benefits 46.20 I Over or (Under) Funding Original Appropriation (1.20) Estimated Expenditures .00	### Personnel Cost Forecast (PCF)   Permanent Positions	### Personnel Cost Forecast (PCF)   Permanent Positions	Permanent Positions 43.20 3,175,177 591,250 693,668  Total from PCF 43.20 3,175,177 591,250 693,668  FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION 45.00 3,495,102 618,750 704,648  Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded: 1.80 319,925 27,500 10,980 ents to Wage and Salary  2890N Policy Strategist 1.00 70.000 13,750 14,813 R90 750C Safety Inspector Regulated Utilities 1.00 55,520 13,750 12,304 R90 2708N Executive Assistant 8810 1.00 70.000 13,750 14,813 R90 d Salary Needs  Board, Group, & Missing Positions 3.00 195,520 41,250 41,930 Permanent Positions 43.20 3,175,177 591,250 693,668  Estimated Salary and Benefits 46.20 3,370,697 632,500 735,598 Over or (Under) Funding Original Appropriation (1.20) 124,405 (13,750) (30,950) Estimated Expenditures 0.00 124,405 (13,750) (30,950)

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### **PCF Summary Report**

Request for Fiscal Year:  $\frac{202}{5}$ 

Agency: Public Utilities Commission

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Appropriation Unit: Utilities Regulation Fund: State Regulatory Funds: Public Utilities Commission Fund

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DU		FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
3.00	FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	45.00	3,495,102	618,750	704,648	4,818,500
5.00	FY 2024 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	45.00	3,495,102	618,750	704,648	4,818,500
6.41	FTP Adjustment	1.20	0	0	0	0
7.00	FY 2024 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	46.20	3,495,102	618,750	704,648	4,818,500
8.11	FTP or Fund Adjustments	1.20	0	0	0	0
9.00	FY 2025 BASE	46.20	3,495,102	618,750	704,648	4,818,500
<b>9.00</b> 10.11	FY 2025 BASE  Change in Health Benefit Costs	<b>46.20</b>	<b>3,495,102</b>	<b>618,750</b> 32,200	<b>704,648</b>	<b>4,818,500</b> 32,200
				,		
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs	0.00	0	32,200	0	32,200
10.11 10.12	Change in Health Benefit Costs Change in Variable Benefit Costs	0.00	0	32,200 0	0 23,000	32,200 23,000
10.11 10.12 10.61	Change in Health Benefit Costs Change in Variable Benefit Costs Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees	0.00 0.00 0.00	0 0 33,700	32,200 0 0	0 23,000 7,600	32,200 23,000 41,300

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Request for Fiscal Year:  $\frac{202}{5}$ 

**PCAB** 34800

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Fund: Federal (Grant)

Agency: Public Utilities Commission

Appropriation Unit: Utilities Regulation

PCN	Class	Description	FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
Totals	from Perso	onnel Cost Forecast (PCF)					
		Permanent Positions	1.80	129,256	24,750	28,644	182,650
		Total from PCF	1.80	129,256	24,750	28,644	182,650
		FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	3.00	216,584	41,250	43,666	301,500
		Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded:	1.20	87,328	16,500	15,022	118,850
Estim	ated Salary	Needs					
		Permanent Positions	1.80	129,256	24,750	28,644	182,650
		Estimated Salary and Benefits	1.80	129,256	24,750	28,644	182,650
Adjus	ted Over or	(Under) Funding					
		Original Appropriation	1.20	87,328	16,500	15,022	118,850
		Estimated Expenditures	.00	87,328	16,500	15,022	118,850
		Base	.00	87,328	16,500	15,022	118,850

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### **PCF Summary Report**

Request for Fiscal Year: 202 5

Agency: Public Utilities Commission

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Appropriation Unit: Utilities Regulation Fund: Federal (Grant)

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DU		FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
3.00	FY 2024 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	3.00	216,584	41,250	43,666	301,500
5.00	FY 2024 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	3.00	216,584	41,250	43,666	301,500
6.41	FTP Adjustment	(1.20)	0	0	0	0
7.00	FY 2024 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	1.80	216,584	41,250	43,666	301,500
8.11	FTP or Fund Adjustments	(1.20)	0	0	0	0
9.00	FY 2025 BASE	1.80	216,584	41,250	43,666	301,500
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs	0.00	0	1,300	0	1,300
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs	0.00	0	0	900	900
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees	0.00	1,300	0	300	1,600
11.00	FY 2025 PROGRAM MAINTENANCE	1.80	217,884	42,550	44,866	305,300
13.00	FY 2025 TOTAL REQUEST	1.80	217,884	42,550	44,866	305,300

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Priority	Appropriatio n Unit	DU	Fund	Summary Account	Item Description	Current Mileage	Date Acquired	Quantity in Stock	Request Quantity Desired	Request Unit Cost	Request Total Cost
Detail											
0	PCAB	10.34	22920	625		0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0
0	PCAB	10.34	22920	740	Spending authority for five switches (\$8,000 each) and two WIFI access points (\$1,200 each) as directed by the Office of Information Technology Services.	0	various	0.00	1.00	41,200.00	41,200
0	PCAB	10.35	22920	590	Laserfiche licensing/subscription costs as provided by the Office of Information Technology Serives.	0		0.00	1.00	7,800.00	7,800
0	PCAB	10.36	22920	625		0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1	PCAB	10.31	22920	740	Ten replacement laptops for three year cycle	0	2020	55.00	10.00	1,400.00	14,000
2	PCAB	10.33	22920	578	Replace tires (1 set, 4 tires) for Railroad Inspector explorer currently 52,000 miles	0	2020	0.00	1.00	1,000.00	1,000
3	PCAB	10.32	22920	764	Replace chairs and other miscellaneous office furniture or equipment as it wears out	0	various	0.00	8.00	700.00	5,600
							Subtotal	55.00	21.00		69,600
Grand Total	by Appropriation L	Init									
	PCAB										69,600
							Subtotal				69,600
Grand Total	by Decision Unit										
		10.31									14,000
		10.32									5,600
		10.33									1,000
		10.34									41,200
		10.35									7.800
		10.36									0
Grand Total	by Fund Source						Subtotal				69,600
Grand Total	by Fund Source		22920								69.600
			22020				Subtotal				69,600
							Subtotal				03,000

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Grand Total by Summary Account				
578		0.00	1.00	1,000
590		0.00	1.00	7,800
625		0.00	0.00	0
740		55.00	11.00	55,200
764		0.00	8.00	5,600
	Subtotal	55.00	21.00	69,600

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Federal Funds Inventory Form
As Required by Sections 67-1917 & 67-3502(e), Ic
\*\*\*\* Report must be submitted to the Division of Financial Management i

\$7,279,900

eporting Agency/Department: Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Contact Person/Title: Maria Barratt-Riley

Total FY 2023 All Funds Appropriation (DU 1.00)

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Contact Email:

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\$141651.43

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available funds

\$301,956.43

Not Available

Not Available

2023 -

Award

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Agency Code:

Varies each

\$0.00

Contact Phone Number: 208-334-0300

2. Identify below for each grant any obligations, agreements, joint exercise of powers agreements, maintenance of efforts agreements, or memoranda of understanding that may be impacted by federal or state decisions regarding federal receipts, include any state matching requirements. §67-1917(1)(d), I.C.

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\$0.00 \$238,619.00

Agreement # Agreement Type Explanation of agreement including dollar amounts.

None

3. Provide a plan for each grant with a known reduction in federal funding that includes anticipated changes, and if reduction is:

10.49% include the agency's plan for operating at the reduced rate 567-3502[1]e], i.C. or,

50% on more from the previous year's funding include the plan to either reduce or eliminate the services provided through the grant or to continue the services without a shift

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Agreement # Plan for reduction or elimination of services,
None Anticipal Any reduction in grant funding will be picked up by dedicated funds to ensure public safety is maintained.

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	FIVE-VEAR	FACILITY NEED	OS PLAN, pursuan	t to IC 67-5708B		
	FIVE-TEAK		NFORMATION	110100101000		
AGENCY NAME:	Idaha Public Uti	lities Commission	Division/Bureau:			
Prepared By:		rratt-Riley	E-mail Address:	maria	a.barratt-riley@puc.idah	10.90V
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Date Prepared:		/2023	For Fiscal Year:		2025	
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		lvd., Ste 201-A, Bldg.			Zip Code:	83714
Facility Ownership (could be private or state-owned)	Private Lease:		State Owned:	7	Lease Expires:	
		FUNCTION/U	SE OF FACILITY			
Office and meeting space for the Idaho Public	Utilieis Commission activ					
		COM	IMENTS			
			K AREAS			
FISCAL YR:	ACTUAL 2023	REQUEST 2024	REQUEST 2025	REQUEST 2026	REQUEST 2027	REQUEST 2028
Total Number of Work Areas:	65	65	65	TBD	TBD	TBD
Full-Time Equivalent Positions:	49 plus 5 DAGs in house	48 plus 5 DAGs, and 1 DHR in house	48 plus 5 DAGs, and 1 DHR in house	48 plus 5 DAGs, and 1 DHR in house	48 plus 5 DAGs, and 1 DHR in house	48 plus 5 DAGs, and 1 DHR in house
Temp. Employees, Contractors, Auditors, etc.:						
		SQUA	RE FEET			
FISCAL YR:	ACTUAL 2023	REQUEST 2024	REQUEST 2025	REQUEST 2026	REQUEST 2027	REQUEST 2028
Square Feet:	22,435.00	22,435.00	22,435.00	22,435.00	22,435.00	22,435.00
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FISCAL YR:	ACTUAL 2023	REQUEST 2024	REQUEST 2025	REQUEST 2026	REQUEST 2027	REQUEST 2028
Total Facility Cost/Yr:	\$302,872.50	\$302,872.50	\$302,872.50	\$311,958.68	\$321,317.44	\$330,956.96
		SURPLUS	PROPERTY			
FISCAL YR:	ACTUAL 2023	REQUEST 2024	REQUEST 2025	REQUEST 2026	REQUEST 2027	REQUEST 2028
IMPORTANT NOTES:						
1. Upon completion, please send to Leasin 208-332-1933 with any questions.	g Manager at the State	e Leasing Progam in th	e Division of Public Wo	orks via email to Caitli	n.Cox@adm.idaho.gov.	. Please e-mail or call
2. If you have five or more locations, plea	se summarize the infor	mation on the Facility	Information Summary	Sheet and include this	summary sheet with y	our submittal.
3. Attach a hardcopy of this submittal, as COPY OF YOUR BUDGET REQUEST, J		formation Summary St	neet, if applicable, with	your budget request.	DPW LEASING DOES	NOT NEED A
AGENCY NOTES:						

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# Director Attestation for Performance Report

In accordance with *Idaho Code* 67-1904, I certify the data provided in the Performance Report has been internally assessed for accuracy, and, to the best of my knowledge, is deemed to be accurate.

Department: Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Director's Signature

Date

Please return to:

Division of Financial Management 304 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boise, Idaho 83720-0032

FAX: 334-2438 E-mail: info@dfm.idaho.gov

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## Part I - Agency Profile

### **Agency Overview**

Under state law, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission supervises and regulates Idaho's investor-owned utilities - electric, gas, telecommunications, and water - assuring adequate service and affixing just, reasonable and sufficient rates.

The commission does not regulate publicly owned, municipal, or cooperative utilities.

In setting rates, the commission must consider the needs of both the utility and its customers. Customers must be ensured of paying a reasonable rate and utilities must be allowed the opportunity to recover their legitimate costs of serving of their customers and earning a fair rate of return. IPUC decisions can be appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court.

The governor appoints the three commissioners with confirmation by the Idaho Senate. No more than two commissioners may be of the same political party. The commissioners serve staggered six-year terms. Currently serving are Eric Anderson, John Chatburn, and John Hammond. Vacancies that occur when the Idaho Senate is not in session are filled by gubernatorial appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate upon reconvening in regular session.

The governor may remove a commissioner before his/her term has expired for dereliction of duty, corruption or incompetence as defined in Idaho Code.

The three-member commission was established by the 12th Session of the Idaho Legislature and was organized May 8, 1913 as the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Idaho. In 1951 it was reorganized as the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Statutory authorities for the commission are established in Idaho Code titles 61 and 62.

The IPUC has quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial duties as well as executive powers and duties. The Commission is authorized 49 FTE and has its office in Boise, Idaho.

In its quasi-legislative capacity, the commission sets rates and makes rules governing utility operations. In its quasi-judicial mode, the commission hears and decides complaints, issues written orders that are similar to court orders and may have its decisions appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court. In its executive capacity, the commission enforces state laws affecting regulated utilities and rail industries.

Fees assessed on the utilities and railroads it regulates fund commission operations. Annual assessments are set by the Commission each year in April within limits set by law.

Currently, Eric Anderson is the Commission President. Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday in April in oddnumbered years to elect one of their own to a two-year term as president. The president signs contracts on the commission's behalf, is the final authority in personnel matters and handles other administrative tasks.

Chairmanship of individual cases is rotated among all three commissioners. The Commission conducts its business in two types of meetings: hearings and decision meetings.

Formal hearings on utility and railroad issues are held on a case-by-case basis, often in the service area of the utility under consideration to allow maximum public participation. These hearings resemble judicial proceedings and are transcribed by a court reporter. Formal parties to the case under consideration present testimony and evidence subject to cross-examination by attorneys and staff from the other parties and the Commissioners.

Members of the general public may testify before the commission at a hearing without prior notice or formal intervention. However, those seeking the full rights of parties - such as the right to cross-examine other witnesses,

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make objections, or to make and argue motions - must file a petition for "intervener" status. Partnerships, corporations, and other entities must be represented by a licensed attorney.

To provide for more public input in a less formal setting, commission staff members may travel to areas impacted by potential commission decisions to conduct workshops or hold virtual workshops online. Unlike a formal hearing where members of the public testify but cannot ask questions of commissioners, a workshop allows citizens to ask questions and offer suggestions to commission staff.

The Commission also conducts regular decision meetings to consider issues on an agenda prepared by the commission secretary and posted in advance of the meeting. These meetings are usually held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., although by law the commission is required to meet only once a month. Members of the public are welcome to attend decision meetings.

Typically, decision meetings consist of the Commission's review of decision memoranda prepared by commission staff. Minutes of the meetings are taken, and decisions reached at these meetings are preliminary, becoming final only when issued in a written order signed by a majority of the Commission.

### Core Functions/Idaho Code

Statutory authorities for the Commission are established in Idaho Code titles 61 and 62. To help ensure its decisions are fair and workable, the commission employs a staff of about 55 people - engineers, rate analysts, attorneys, auditors, investigators, economists, administrative and other support personnel. The commission staff is organized in three divisions - Administration, Legal and Utilities.

The staff analyzes each petition, complaint, rate increase request or application for an operating certificate received by the Commission. In formal proceedings before the Commission, the staff acts as a separate party to the case, presenting its own testimony, evidence, and expert witnesses. The Commission considers staff recommendations along with those of other participants in each case - including utilities, public, agricultural, industrial, business and consumer groups.

### **Utilities Division**

The Utilities Division, responsible for technical analysis of utility matters before the Commission, is divided into four sections.

The Audit Section audits utility books and records to verify reported revenue, expenses and compliance with commission orders. Staff auditors present the results of their findings in audit reports as well as in formal testimony and exhibits. When a utility requests a rate increase, cost-of-capital studies are performed to determine a recommended rate of return. Revenues, expenses, and investments are analyzed to determine the amount needed for the utility to earn the recommended return on its investment.

The Engineering Section reviews the physical operations of utilities. Staff engineers determine the cost of serving various types of customers, design utility rates and allocate costs between Idaho and the other states served by Idaho utilities. They determine the cost effectiveness of conservation and co-generation programs, evaluate the adequacy of utility services, and frequently help resolve customer complaints. The group develops computer models of utility operations and reviews utility forecasts of energy usage and the need for new facilities.

The Technical Analysis Section determines the cost effectiveness of all Demand Side Management (DSM) programs including energy efficiency and demand response. They identify potential for new DSM programs and track the impact on utility revenues. They review utility forecasts of energy, water, and natural gas usage with focus on residential self-generation and rate design.

The Consumer Assistance Section investigate and work to resolve conflicts between utilities and their customers. Customers faced with service disconnections often seek help in negotiating payment arrangements. Consumer Assistance may mediate disputes over billing, deposits, line extensions and other service problems.

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Consumer Assistance monitors Idaho utilities to verify they are complying with Commission orders and regulations. Investigators participate in general rate and policy cases when rate design and customer service issues are brought before the Commission.

Most consumers contact the Commission by telephone or by e-mail, via the Commission's Website. Staff members may negotiate payment arrangements with utilities on behalf of consumers and, when appropriate, refer clients to social service agencies, financial aid programs or budget counseling services.

As traditionally regulated services become deregulated, the Consumer Assistance Section's role of educating consumers and mitigating complaints with non-regulated utilities has increased. The increase in companies providing services equates to an increase in consumer inquiries and complaints. Also on the increase are disputes between companies providing services, especially among telecommunications providers.

The Consumer Assistance Section is also responsible for conducting quality of service and compliance investigations.

#### Administration

The Administrative Division is responsible for coordinating overall IPUC activities. The division includes the three commissioners, three Policy Strategists, a Commission Secretary, an Executive Director, a Public Information Officer, an Executive Assistant, and support personnel.

The three *Policy Strategists* are executive level positions reporting directly to the Commissioners with policy and technical consultation and research support regarding major regulatory issues in the areas of electricity, telecommunications, water and natural gas. Strategists are also charged with developing comprehensive policy strategy, providing assistance and advice on major litigation before the commission and acting as liaison between the Commission and its staff, utility representatives, public officials and public agencies and organizations.

The Commission Secretary, a post established by Idaho law, keeps a precise public record of all Commission proceedings. The Secretary issues notices, orders and other documents to the proper parties and is the official custodian of documents issued by and filed with the commission. Most of these documents are public records.

The Executive Director has primary responsibility for the commission's fiscal and administrative operations, preparing the commission budget and supervising fiscal, administration, public information, personnel, information systems, rail section operations and pipeline safety. The Executive Director also serves as a liaison between the Commission and other state agencies and the Legislature.

The *Public Information Officer* is responsible for informing the public and the media of commission decisions, meetings and activities; responding to requests for information; coordinating public hearings; preparing materials that allow for effective public participation in IPUC proceedings; and preparing the annual report. In addition this position is responsible for other special projects assigned by the commissioners.

### **Rail Section**

The rail safety inspection conducts inspections of rail cars carrying hazardous materials, as well as other safety components as identified in both the Federal Railroad Administration and State of Idaho safety regulations. In addition, they inspect railroads grade crossings when the Commission receives reports of maintenance deficiencies. The Rail Section is part of the multi-agency safety team that investigates all railroad-crossing accidents and makes recommendations for safety improvements to crossings.

As part of its regulatory authority, the Commission evaluates the discontinuance and abandonment of railroad service in Idaho by conducting an independent evaluation of each case to determine whether the abandonment of a particular railroad line would adversely affect Idaho shippers and whether the line has any profit potential. Should the Commission determine abandonment would be harmful to Idaho interests; it then represents the state before the federal Surface Transportation Board, which has authority to grant or deny line abandonment. The Commission also conducts hearings and issues orders concerning the elimination or alteration of grade crossings.

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### Pipeline Safety Program

The pipeline safety section oversees the safe operation of the intrastate natural gas pipelines and facilities in Idaho.

The Commission's Safety Inspectors-Regulated Utilities verify compliance of state and federal regulations by onsite inspections of intrastate gas distribution systems operating in the state. Part of the inspection process includes a review of record-keeping practices and compliance with design, construction, operation, maintenance and drug/alcohol abuse regulations. All reportable accidents are investigated and appropriate reports filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

### **Legal Division**

Five Deputy Attorneys General are assigned to the Commission from the Office of the Attorney General and have permanent offices at IPUC headquarters. The IPUC attorneys represent the staff in all matters before the Commission, working closely with staff auditors, engineers, investigators, and economists as they develop their recommendations for rate case and utility policy proceedings.

In the hearing room, IPUC attorneys coordinate the presentation of the staff's case and cross-examine other parties who submit testimony. The attorneys also represent the Commission itself in state and federal courts and before other state or federal regulatory agencies.

### **Revenue and Expenditures**

Revenue	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Public Utilities Comm.	\$6,031,700	\$4,507,200	\$4,751,100	\$5,242,900
Indirect Fund	\$38,200	\$65,600	\$38,700	\$39,500
Federal Grant	\$242,000	\$284,400	\$187,100	\$241,800
Total	\$6,311,300	\$4,857,200	\$4,976,900	\$5,524,200
Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Personnel Costs	\$3,671,200	\$3,614,100	\$3,744,200	\$4,205,800
Operating Expenditures	\$2,271,600	\$1,213,500	\$1,428,800	\$1,502,200
Capital Outlay	\$166,100	\$29,600	\$16,800	\$18,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	0.00	0.00	0	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$6,108,900	\$4,857,200	\$5,189,600	\$5,726,400

### Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Number of cases older than one year closed in this fiscal year.	40	49	10	23
Number of comprehensive audits completed annually.	27	25	19	30
<ol> <li>Number of utility annual reports reviewed annually.</li> </ol>	22	23	21	14
4. Number of formal complaints received by the commission.	3	1	9	12
<ol><li>Number of informal complaints received by the commission.</li></ol>	772	657	712	887
6. Number of Inquiries received by the commission.	396	429	342	479
7. Average number of days needed to respond to inquiries and resolve complaints.	7	7	8	7
8. Number inspection units audited per year (pipeline).	110	160	185	233
9. Number of inspection days completed (pipeline).	326.5	400.5	260	337.5
10. Number of rail hazardous material inspections.	332	343	261	261
11. Number of rail abandonment investigations.	1	0	0	0

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## Part II - Performance Measures

	Performance Measure		FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
1.	Percent of all cases open for more than one	actual	23	27	16	17	
	year that were closed in this fiscal year.	target	20	20	20	20	20
2.	Number of comprehensive audits completed	actual	22	25	19	21	
	this fiscal year.	target	7	7	7	10	20
3.	Number of annual reports reviewed this	actual	21	23	21	14	
	fiscal year	target	20	20	20	15	20
4.	Average number of days needed to respond	actual	7	7	8	7	
	to inquiries and resolve informal complaints	target	5	5	5	10	7
5.	Number of inspection days this fiscal year	actual	326.5	400.5	260	337.5	
	(pipeline).	target	292	285	323	325	325
6.	HAZMAT inspections conducted this fiscal	actual	332	343	261	261	
	year	target	100	100	100	100	200
7.	Percent of proposed rail abandonments	actual	100	100	100	100	
	investigated	target	100	100	100	100	100

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