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Honorable Carolyn Hugley
State Representative
609 Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill (LC 56 0446)

Dear Representative Hugley:

This bill would require electric utilities to submit rate schedules for certain classes of consumers. These schedules would include a rate for consumers projected to have an annual peak demand of 50 to 100 megawatts and a rate for consumers expected to have an annual peak demand of 100 megawatts or more. Rates would be required to be sufficient to ensure that the additional costs incurred to service these customers would not be borne by those outside of the class. The bill does not have an effective date.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) indicated reviewing two additional rate schedules would require a general base rate case, which is a six-month process. General base rate cases typically occur on a three-year cycle, with the next case scheduled for July 1, 2028. If the schedules required by the bill are filed with the next regularly scheduled general base rate case, the cost would be incorporated into existing rate case expenditures. Assuming a general base rate case prior to July 2028, PSC would require approximately \$333,000 for two financial analysts and one engineer (**Table 1**). These staff would assist with case and ensure other duties performed by staff redirected to the additional rate case are completed.

Table 1: Costs if New General Base Rate Case Required

	Total Compensation (Salary and Benefits)
Financial Analyst	\$105,534
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Engineer	<u>\$121,770</u>
Total	\$332,838

In addition to staffing, PSC's Public Interest Advocacy Team conducts an independent analysis of the utility's projected costs and revenues. The team incurs approximately \$800,000 in outside consultant fees during a general base rate case. The utility would be responsible for the fees, though PSC indicated those costs would be passed on to customers.

Respectfully,

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Richard Dunn, Director
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