

<b>AGENCY NAME:</b>	Public Service Commission of SC		
<b>AGENCY CODE:</b>	R040	<b>SECTION:</b>	72



## Fiscal Year 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan

### FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

<b>OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting General Fund Appropriations. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requesting Federal/Other Authorization. <input type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
<b>NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations. <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
<b>CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting funding for Capital Projects. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any changes.
<b>PROVISOS (FORM D)</b>	<b>For FY 2020-21, my agency is (mark "X"):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos. <input type="checkbox"/> Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2020-21 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		9/20/19
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>	Jocelyn Boyd	

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Request Executive Summary

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BUDGET REQUESTS			FUNDING					FTES				
Priority	Request Type	Request Title	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total	State	Federal	Earmarked	Restricted	Total
1	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Personal Services & Employer Contributions			132,914		132,914					0.00
2	B1 - Recurring	Administration - Other Operating			529,834		529,834					0.00
3							0					0.00
4							0					0.00
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TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTS			0	0	662,748	0	662,748	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>1</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Administration – Personal Services &amp; Employer Contributions</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General:</b> <b>Federal:</b> <b>Other: \$132,914</b> <b>Total: \$132,914</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>0</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority # _____	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

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<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>This funding request supports all strategies listed in the Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of the Commission’s FY 2018-2019 Accountability Report. The Commission requested 5 FTEs in the FY2019-20 budget without funding. The FY2020-21 request includes funding for the 2% General Increase, partial funding for 1 FTE, and terminal leave for up to 3 Commissioners.</p>
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency’s accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	<p>The Commission’s employees would be the recipient of the funds through salary adjustments. The recipients of the Commission’s Employer Contributions are the federal government, the state retirement systems, and vendors and state agencies providing various forms of insurance (health, dental, life, unemployment, and worker’s compensation) on behalf of the Commission’s employees.</p>
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

<b>JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Funding for the 2% General Increase for FY2020 was <b>\$64,672</b>. This is requested to continue the increase in FY2021.</p> <p>One of the 5 FTEs requested in the FY2019-20 budget was for a Program Manager III – CPA, who will serve as assistant/advisor to the Commissioners on technical issues such as accounting orders, rate case issues such as return on equity, and requests to modify authority to provide utility services. This position will serve as the Director of the Public Utilities Analysts Department. Partial funding requested for this FTE is <b>\$28,569</b>.</p> <p>Terminal leave for up to 3 Commissioners, as needed, is estimated at <b>\$68,600</b>.</p> <p>The Commission is requesting a slight reduction in funding to Employer Contributions for FY2021. Although FY2020-21 personal services expenditures are estimated to increase, the Commission’s estimates, based on the FY20-21 Employer Contributions Rate Table provided by the Executive Budget Office, do not require the same appropriations as FY2019-20 to meet its obligations. Requested decrease of <b>-\$28,927</b>.</p>
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*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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**FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	2
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Administration – Other Operating
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General:</b> <b>Federal:</b> <b>Other: \$529,834</b> <b>Total: \$529,834</b>
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2020-21? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b>	
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<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark “X” for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>This funding request supports all strategies listed in the Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of the Commission’s FY 2018-2019 Accountability Report. Act 62 of 2019 established the SC Energy Freedom Act which added additional responsibilities to the Commission such as interconnection of renewable energy facilities, net energy metering programs, solar choice metering and programs, avoided cost methodologies, integrated resource plans and power purchase agreements. In efforts to comply with Act 62, the Commission needs additional funding to employ qualified, independent, third-party, utility specialty consultants, to upgrade hearing room equipment and security and agency data management equipment and to promote public</p>
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awareness regarding energy sources. IT equipment associated strategies have been included in the Commission’s IT Data Collection plan for FY2020-21 submitted in accordance with Proviso 117-112.

*What specific strategy, as outlined in the FY 2019-20 Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency’s accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

**RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS**  
 The recipients of the Commission’s Other Operating funds are contractors and vendors supplying the necessary goods and services, including other state agencies such as the Department of Administration (IT services and other administrative services) and SC Educational Television (video streaming services).

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**  
 Most of this increased funding is for qualified, independent, third-party, expert consultants needed as a result of Act 62, the SC Energy Freedom Act, which added an increase in the number of hearings required by the Commission such as new and existing sources of energy, integrated resource plans, interconnection of energy facilities, and power purchase agreements. These consultants will support the Commissioners by providing research and expertise in the area of existing and futuristic energy programs and innovations, as well as avoided cost and other utility rate setting methodologies. If funds are not received for this purpose, the Commissioners may not be as informed on current trends, methodologies or potential new sources of energy as well as comparable industry standards around the country.  
 Requested amount related to this initiative is **\$500,000**  
 To ensure transparency in its hearing processes, the Commission will upgrade some of its hearing room equipment with a digital recording suite (\$10,630) and security panels (\$5,000). **\$15,630**  
 For the Commission’s online system of docket data management, the Commission will continue work on its eService and acquire a couple of scanners to enhance system capabilities and improve information management. **\$10,000**  
 Partial funding to increase public awareness of available energy sources, the Commission will continue to review the promotion of utility awareness in a multitude of avenues in an effort to reach as many of the members of the public as possible. **\$4,204**

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**FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

<b>TITLE</b>	<p><b>Live Streaming with Skype Capabilities for Commission Hearings, Business Meetings and Public Interviews for Qualified, Independent Third-Party Consultants or Experts</b></p>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	<p><b>Live streaming with Skype capabilities for Commission hearings, business meetings and public interviews for qualified, independent third-party consultants or experts saves businesses and citizens time as well as cost of traveling to and from the Commission office located in Columbia. The savings will vary depending on how far a business or citizen would have to travel to attend a hearing, business meeting or public interview.</b></p>
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina’s businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<p><b>Mark “X” for all that apply:</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.								
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other								

<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	<p>The method of determining the savings would be the rate of 58 cents per automobile mile plus the hourly rate of the business employee or citizen multiplied by the hours traveling to and from the hearing/meeting.</p>
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	<p>N/A</p>
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	<p>N/A</p>
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

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**SUMMARY**

The travel cost burden to businesses and citizens will be eliminated so more businesses and citizens can listen to and participate in, as needed, hearings, business meetings and public interviews for qualified, independent third-party consultants or experts. The result is that more businesses and citizens can be informed and/or participate in Commission proceedings.

*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*