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Allocation Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Sponsor Representative Petersen

Requester House Energy OMB Component Number 399

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Personal Services	167.7		167.7	167.7	167.7	167.7	167.7
Travel	10.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	10.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	191.7	0.0	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES		191.7		171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts		191.7		171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
TOTAL		191.7	0.0	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7	171.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This is the initial fiscal note to HB39 from the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

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Analysis

This legislation requires a utility filing for a new or revised rate to have a refund procedure in place that is approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA). Regulated utilities will be required to amend their tariffs to state rate refund procedures. The RCA will be required to review those tariff filings and any subsequent tariff revision by a regulated utilities to modify its refund procedure. Should regulations be necessary to implement a standard refund procedure for regulated utilities, the RCA would be required to incur the cost of establishing those regulations. To perform these obligations, the RCA would hire a Utility Tariff Analyst I (Range 16) and a Utility Tariff Analyst II (Range 18). These employees would be dedicated full-time to processing tariff filings and possibly pursuing standards related to refund procedures.

The RCA's budget is funded through Regulatory Cost Charges (RCC) and direct charge mechanisms. The RCC is recalculated each year and allows the agency to recover its operating expenses through an assessment on the revenues of regulated utilities and pipeline carriers. Utilities exempt from economic regulation by the RCA do not pay RCCs, but may be required to pay the actual costs of services provided to the RCA.

The current RCC cap is 0.7%, and an increase to the statutory will be necessary to fund the additional positions.

