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Legislative Fiscal Note

Short Title: Utilities Comm'n Tech. and Add'l Changes.
Bill Number: House Bill 217 (Second Edition)
Sponsor(s):

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.217, V.2					
	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
State Impact					
Special Fund Revenues	6,075	6,075	6,075	6,075	6,075
<u>Less Expenditures</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Fund Impact	6,075	6,075	6,075	6,075	6,075
NET STATE IMPACT	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$6,075	\$6,075

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

H.B. 217, Sec. 26.(a) increases the fee for non-utility applications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) from \$25 per application to \$250 per application. Based on a four-year history of non-utility applications for CPCNs, this fee increase will increase revenues to the Utilities Commission by \$6,075 per year. Because the Utilities Commission is entirely receipt supported, this change will have no General Fund impact.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Any person who is not an electric public utility who owns a renewable energy facility that generates more than two (2) megawatts (MW) of electricity, and who seeks to sell the electricity that facility generates must apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) through the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The CPCN application includes identifying information about the facility, the proposed technology, the capacity of the facility, and the anticipated time that the facility will begin generating electricity. The full CPCN application can be found on the Utilities Commission's website.

The Utilities Commission Public Staff reviews all CPCN applications and places them on the Utilities Commission agenda after review. Below is a history of CPCN applications filed by non-utility persons from 2016-2020:

Year	Number of CPCN Applications
2016	78
2017	21
2018	11
2019	6
2020	18

A five-year average of CPCN applications by non-utility persons yields an average of 26.8 (rounded up to 27) applications per year that would be subject to a \$225 fee increase (from \$25 to \$250 per application). This would increase special fund revenue to the Utilities Commission by \$6,075 per year. Because the Utilities Commission is entirely receipt supported through regulatory and other fees, this change would have no impact on the General Fund.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

North Carolina Utilities Commission

FISCAL ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM – PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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