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LB 1115

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *							
	FY 2012-13 FY 2013-14						
_	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES REVENUE				
GENERAL FUNDS							
CASH FUNDS							
FEDERAL FUNDS							
OTHER FUNDS							
TOTAL FUNDS							

LB 1115, section 3, allows a jurisdictional utility to plan, finance, develop, acquire, construct, own, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline facility or enter into agreements with an interstate pipeline for existing, new, or expanded capacity to supply unserved or underserved areas.

Section 5 exempts jurisdictional utilities exercising the power granted in section 3 from the State Natural Gas Regulation Act except as specifically provided otherwise.

The Department of Revenue and the Public Service Commission estimate no fiscal impact.

The Public Service Commission notes that its no fiscal impact assessment assumes that not all three jurisdictional utilities will become exempt under section 5. If this occurs, the PSC "would lose the vast majority of its budget for carrying out the (State Natural Gas Regulation) Act and would be unable to operate.

No fiscal impact.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVIEWED BY Cindy Miserez DATE 2/3/12 PHONE 471-2526

COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE: I have no basis to disagree with NE Dept. of Revenue's statement. NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION: I have no basis to disagree with NPSC's statement.

^{*}Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

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		State Agency	Estimate G/S/	11-		
State Agency Name: Department o	f Revenue			··IVE FISCAL	Date Due LFA:	2/6/12
Approved by: Douglas Ewald		Date Prepared:	2/1/12	-CAL	Phone: 471-5700	
	FY 201:	2-2013	FY 20	13-2014	FY 20	14-2015
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	Revenue
General Funds	1					
Cash Funds						
Federal Funds						
Other Funds					_	
Total Funds						
Total Funds	1		1014-9			

LB1115 provides that jurisdictional utilities as defined in section 66-1802, could provide natural gas to unserved or underserved (rural) areas. An unserved or underserved area is an area that lacks adequate natural gas pipeline capacity to meet the demand of existing or potential end-use customers. This does not include any area within a city of the primary or metropolitan class.

It is estimated that there is no revenue impact to the General Fund to implement this bill.

There are no costs to the Department to implement this bill.

	Majo	or Objects of E	Expendite	ure			
Class Code	Classification Title	12-13 <u>FTE</u>	13-14 <u>FTE</u>	14-15 FTE	12-13 Expenditures	13-14 <u>Expenditures</u>	14-15 Expenditures
Benefits							
Travel							
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Capital Improvements							
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LB⁽¹⁾ 1115 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2)		Nebraska Public Service Commission					
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	ESTIMATE PROVID	ED BY STATE AGEN	CY OR POLITIC	AL SUBDIVISI	ON	_	
	<u>FY 201</u> EXPENDITURES	. <u>2-2013</u> <u>REVENUE</u>	EXPENDIT	<u>FY 2013-2</u> <u>TURES</u>	014 REVENUE		
GENERAL FUN	DS						
CASH FUNDS			. <u> </u>				
FEDERAL FUNI	os						
OTHER FUNDS							

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

TOTAL FUNDS

(Note) This assumes that Section 5 is not intended to exempt a jurisdictional utility from all provisions of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act (Act) by virtue of engaging in a project under this bill. Section 66-1841 of the Act requires all jurisdictional utilities to pay an assessment for the costs of administering the Act. If one jurisdictional utility becomes exempt from the assessment, the two remaining utilities would bear additional costs. If all utilities were to become exempt, the Commission would lose the vast majority of its budget for carrying out the Act and would be unable to operate.

	MAJOR OBJE	CTS OF EXPENI	DITURE	
Personal Services:			_	
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OI <u>12-13</u>	F POSITIONS 13-14	2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
Benefits				
Operating				
Travel				
Capital outlay				
Aid Capital improvements				
TOTAL				