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HB16-1091

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Thurlow; Mitsch Bush **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: CHANGE DUE DATES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION PLANS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law related to energy resource zones, rate regulated electric utilities are required to submit plans, designations, and applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies on or before October 31 of each odd-numbered year. This bill changes the submission date to a date to be determined by the PUC. The bill also eliminates existing requirements that:

- reviews of plans, designations, and applications for CPCNs by rate regulated electric utilities be conducted simultaneously; and
- the PUC issue an order approving or rejecting an application for a CPCN for the construction or expansion of transmission facilities within 180 days after the application is filed.

Background

There are currently two investor-owned utilities subject to rate regulation in Colorado, Xcel Energy and Black Hills Energy.

State Expenditures

This bill will create a minimal increase in workload for the PUC in FY 2016-17 only, to conform its rules to the statutory change and set a new submission date. The two provisions that are eliminated by the bill were not utilized by utilities so the elimination of these requirements will have no effect on workload. The PUC can address the rulemaking within existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 23, 2016, and takes effect August 10, 2016, if no referendum petition is filed.

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