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SB 19-250

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Sen. Garcia; Scott

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Bill Topic: LIMIT TIERED RATES ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- Summary of Fiscal Impact: State Revenue, State Expenditure (minimal), State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires electric utilities currently charging a tiered rate to residential customers to revise the rate design back to a single rate. The bill will increase state workload in FY 2019-20.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires electric utilities that are currently charging a tiered rate to residential customers to file with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in the Department of Regulatory Agencies a revised residential rate design by April 30, 2020, to take effect by June 1, 2020, that collapses the residential summer tiered rate into a single rate that applies to all kilowatt hours (kWh) consumed by the residential customer during the summer.

Background

The PUC has approved tiered rate structures for the state's two investor-owned utilities, Xcel Energy in 2010 and Black Hills Energy in 2018. Xcel's tiered rates are assessed in the summer months of June, July, August, and September; and Black Hills' tiered rates are assessed year-round.

### **State Expenditures**

In FY 2019-20, the bill will increase workload in the PUC to review revised residential rate designs for the state's two investor-owned utilities. This requires the filing of an advice letter by each utility to comply with the change in law. This workload can be accomplished through the normal process, and does not require a change in appropriations.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Regulatory Agencies