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Recalculation of Rates for Reduced OCC Appropriation

No provision.

R.C. 4909.15, 4928.18

Requires the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to recalculate public utilities' rates, for utilities that do not pay the minimum Office of Consumers' Counsel (OCC) assessment, by the end of 2011 for closed rate cases, based on payments of assessments calculated in accordance with the reduced appropriation amount for the OCC contained in the bill.

Fiscal effect: Under existing law, OCC operations are funded by assessments on regulated utilities, with the amount assessed determined by the amount appropriated to GSF item 053601. The appropriation to this line item is reduced by about \$4.4 million (51%) from FY 2011 to FY 2012. This provision ensures that the reduction in the amount appropriated is returned to the customers of utilities affected by the provision, rather than being retained by the utility.

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Utility Radiological Safety Board Assessments

Section: 506.10

Specifies, absent contractual agreement, the maximum amounts that may be assessed against each nuclear electric utility under R.C. 4937.05 on behalf of four state agencies and deposited into the specified funds as follows:

- (1) \$131,785 in each fiscal year to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) \$930,525 in FY 2012 and \$930,576 in FY 2013 to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by the Department of Health;
- (3) \$279,838 in FY 2012 and \$279,966 in FY 2013 to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Environmental Protection Agency; and
- (4) \$1,415,945 in each fiscal year to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal effect: Less than \$2.8 million in each fiscal year will be assessed against nuclear electric utilities and made available to the four state agencies for their statutory purposes.

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Same as the Executive.