



California Public Utilities Commission

Report of Activity by Utility Type (Public Utilities Code Section 910.2)

Fiscal Year 2017/18

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SUMMARY

Pursuant to Public Utilities (P.U.) Code §910.2, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) submits this report of transactions of the PUC by regulated entity category. A description of the methodology to allocate indirect transactions is included.

PU Code §910.2 reads :

910.2

(a) The commission shall report to the Legislature the collections from each class of utility and expenditures, both direct and indirect, for regulatory and other authorized commission activities affecting each class. Where expenditures are for overhead, allocations of services common to several classes, or for commission-wide activities, the methods used to calculate the expenditures attributed to the class shall be described in reasonable detail.

(b) The report shall be furnished to the Legislature within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year, and shall be subject to audit. The commission shall maintain information and reports necessary to perform an audit pursuant to this section.

Regulation of Public Utilities – Transportation

(dollars in thousands)

	Fund 0412	Fund 0461			
	Household Goods Carriers	Vessel	Passenger Carriers	Pipeline Corporations	Freight Rail
Current Year Sources					
Collections from Regulated Entities	2,669	274	16,292	106	8,093
Interest Income	15	3	179	1	89
Total Current Year Sources	2,684	277	16,470	107	8,181
Current Year Uses					
CPUC Direct Expenditures	(1,219)	(3)	(3,648)	(86)	(7,127)
CPUC Overhead Expenditures	(646)	(199)	(2,756)	(29)	(1,557)
Transfers-Out to non-PUC funds	(26)	-	-	-	-
Total Current Year Uses	(2,024)	(214)	(6,810)	(122)	(9,235)
Net Change	660	63	9,660	(16)	(1,054)

Regulation of Public Utilities - Energy, Water & Sewer and Telecommunications

(dollars in thousands)

	Fund 0462						
	Electric Utilities	Gas Utilities	Steam Utilities	Water Utilities	Sewer Utilities	Telecom Utilities	Reimbur- sements
Current Year Sources							
Collections from Regulated Utilities	83,647	18,080	17	27,960	44	31,497	20,907
Interest Income	112	24	-	37	-	42	-
Total Current Year Sources	83,759	18,104	17	27,998	44	31,539	20,907
Current Year Uses							
CPUC Direct Expenditures	(36,869)	(10,145)	(2)	(5,915)	(44)	(16,113)	(31,645)
CPUC Overhead Expenditures	(22,493)	(5,117)	(1)	(3,628)	(69)	(6,437)	-
Public Advocates Office	(19,607)	(4,460)	-	(3,163)	-	(5,612)	-
State Assessments	(3,515)	(904)	-	(565)	-	(1,335)	-
Fund Users							
Air Resources Board	(97)	(97)	-	-	-	-	-
Office of Environmental Health & Hazard Assessment	(78)	(78)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Year Uses	(82,658)	(20,800)	(2)	(13,271)	(113)	(29,497)	(31,645)
Net Change	1,101	(2,696)	15	14,727	(69)	2,042	(10,737)

Public Purpose Programs & Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund

(dollars in thousands)

	Various Funds ¹	
	Telecom Public Purpose Programs	Gas Consumption Surcharge
Current Year Sources		
Collections from Regulated Utilities	699,411	480,277
Interest Income	10,662	1,264
Total Current Year Sources	710,072	481,541
Current Year Uses		
CPUC Direct Expenditures	(628,996)	(456,215)
CPUC Overhead Expenditures	(2,687)	-
State Assessments	(4,308)	(96)
Fund Users		
Board of Equalization	-	(934)
CA State Library	(552)	-
Transfers-Out to non-PUC funds	-	(24,000)
Loans to non-PUC Funds	(7,406)	-
Total Current Year Uses	(643,949)	(481,245)
Net Change	66,124	296

Note 1: Telecommunications Public Purpose Program Funds are Funds 0464, 0470, 0471, 0483, 0493 and 3141. Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund is Fund 3015.

Allocation Methodology

CPUC Overhead Expenditures

CPUC allocates overhead on a per capita basis across its funds based upon the employee's workload at the regulated entity level. For example, the PUC will allocate an employee's per capita allocation to the Electric Utilities subprogram if the employee performs work related to the regulation of electric utilities.

Public Advocates Office

CPUC allocates its funding commitment to the Public Advocates Office using the same proportion as the CPUC Overhead Expenditures (above), with the exception of solely charging to the public utilities the Public Advocates Office supports (Energy, Water/Sewer and Telecommunication utilities), and not transportation entities nor the Public Purpose Programs, whose activities the Public Advocates Office does not support.

State Assessments and Overhead

In this report, the CPUC allocated the State of California Overhead based upon the total of CPUC Direct and Overhead Expenditures for the current year for Fund 0461 (Public Utilities Commission Transportation Reimbursement Account) and Fund 0462 (Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account). In its financial records, the CPUC allocates this overhead at the Fund level, not the utility type level. However, the CPUC uses this allocation estimate in determining rates by utility type for Funds 0461 and 0462. All other funds have only one utility type per fund.

Interest Income

In this report, the PUC allocated the interest income based upon the current year's collections from regulated utilities and regulated entities for Fund 0461 and Fund 0462. This estimate is for display purposes only. In its financial records, the CPUC tracks this overhead at the Fund level, not the utility type level. However, CPUC uses this allocation estimate in determining rates by utility type for Funds 0461 and 0462. All other funds have only one utility type per fund.