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LB 1115

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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				

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

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

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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.					

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

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

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

(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 OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
	12-13	13-14		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____