

# Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

RCW 80, 81, 19.122

Request	\$74,808,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$5,140,401	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	7.4%	Increase

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) regulates the rates and services of private or investor owned utility and transportation companies, including: electric and natural gas, telecommunications (not including wireless, Internet, or cable), solid waste collection, water, oil pipelines, household goods movers, commercial ferries, and airports. The commission also regulates the safety of pipelines, railroad carriers, railroad-highway grade crossings, and buses and other transportation carriers it regulates for rates. The commission protects consumers by ensuring that these services are fairly priced, available, reliable, and safe. The agency carefully balances the interests of the companies providing service with the interests of the consumers in Washington who pay in excess of \$6.5 billion annually for these services. The commission investigates consumer complaints and conducts compliance investigations into companies' business practices to ensure regulated companies treat consumers fairly and that these companies are in compliance with state laws and commission rules.

## Agency Mission

The UTC protects consumers by ensuring that utility and transportation services are fairly priced, available, reliable, and safe.

## Agency Level Summary

### Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
176,000	18,378	General Fund - Basic Account - State		157,622	
16,326,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	8,499,310	16,326,000	16,491,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Stimulus	98,114		
1,604,000		Grade Crossing Protective Account - State	486,491	1,604,000	1,184,000
36,724,000		Public Service Revolving Account - State	28,678,644	36,724,000	40,712,000
3,286,000	1,409,136	Pipeline Safety Account - State	2,753,624	1,876,864	3,422,000
2,981,000		Pipeline Safety Account - Federal	2,494,078	2,981,000	3,093,000
<u>61,097,000</u>	<u>1,427,514</u>	<b>Total Appropriated Funds</b>	<u>43,010,261</u>	<u>59,669,486</u>	<u>64,902,000</u>
		<b>Non-Appropriated Funds</b>			
		Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	37,882	62,613	
		Damage Prevention Account - Non-Appropriated		29,500	
		Universal Communications Services - Non-Appropriated	3,273,912	9,906,000	9,906,000
		<b>Total Non-Appropriated Funds</b>	<u>3,311,794</u>	<u>9,998,113</u>	<u>9,906,000</u>

## Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

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	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	7,281,842	18.7%	23,345,544	50.4%	5,140,401	7.4%

## Employment Summary

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	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	144.6	147.5	178.7	173.6	177.7