

# Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

RCW 80, 81, 19.122

## Current Law Budget

Request	\$63,560,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$10,463,695	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	19.7%	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 airporters. 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

2013-15 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
11,217,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	5,753,765	11,217,000	11,332,000
150,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Stimulus	291,153	150,000	
504,000		Grade Crossing Protective Account - State	433,697	504,000	504,000
29,850,000		Public Service Revolving Account - State	27,634,364	29,850,000	36,771,000
4,407,000		Pipeline Safety Account - State	2,660,009	4,407,000	2,058,000
1,929,000		Pipeline Safety Account - Federal	2,237,914	1,929,000	2,989,000
<u>48,057,000</u>		Total Appropriated Funds	<u>39,010,902</u>	<u>48,057,000</u>	<u>53,654,000</u>
		<b>Non-Appropriated Funds</b>			
		Industrial Insurance Premium Refund - Non-Appropriated	29,311	39,305	
		Universal Communications Services - Non-Appropriated		5,000,000	9,906,000
		Total Non-Appropriated Funds	<u>29,311</u>	<u>5,039,305</u>	<u>9,906,000</u>

## Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

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	2011-13 Actual		2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	(1,531,633)	(3.8)%	14,056,092	36.0%	10,463,695	19.7%

## Employment Summary

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	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	132.9	139.8	165.4	167.0	168.3