

Public Service Commission



Department Description

The Louisiana Public Service Commission is an independent regulatory agency created in 1921 by Article IV, Section 21 of the Louisiana Constitution. The philosophy of the Public Service Commission is to act impartially and conduct their business openly and fairly with the highest degree of personal and professional dedication, honesty, and integrity. The Commission will remain open to innovation and improvements which are technically and economically sound, and in the public interest. They will evaluate and consider all technical tools to improve the efficiency of the Commission and simplify procedures for utility service providers and the public. The Commission will continue to evaluate its work force and organizational structure to maximize employee productivity, minimize cost, and promote the highest ethical and professional conduct.

For additional information, see:

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Public Service Commission Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	6,897,527	9,731,270	9,731,270	10,227,344	9,567,967	(163,303)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 8,097,527	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 10,227,344	\$ 9,567,967	\$ (163,303)



Public Service Commission Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Expenditures & Request:						
Public Service Commission	\$ 8,097,527	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 10,227,344	\$ 9,567,967	\$ (163,303)
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 8,097,527	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 10,227,344	\$ 9,567,967	\$ (163,303)
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	104	104	104	104	93	(11)
Unclassified	18	18	18	18	18	0
Total FTEs	122	122	122	122	111	(11)



04-158 — Public Service Commission

Agency Description

The mission of the Public Service Commission is to promote fair regulation of the public utilities and motor carriers operating in the State of Louisiana, strive to provide safe, adequate, and reliable service for the public at rates that adequately compensate the utilities and motor carriers, encourage and promote harmony between utility companies and their customers, and continue to work toward ensuring affordable rates to the customers. The goals of the Public Service Commission are as follows:

- To be readily available and responsive to the general public.
- To be consistent with regard to application and enforcement of Commission procedures and regulations.
- To efficiently process pleadings before the Commission.
- To create and upgrade business applications allowing staff and public access to Commission records.
- To monitor guidelines and focus on continuous improvements and standardize processes.
- To maintain a current and thorough knowledge of substantive laws, regulations and policy pertinent to Commission proceedings.

For additional information, see:

Public Service Commission

Public Service Commission Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	6,897,527	9,731,270	9,731,270	10,227,344	9,567,967	(163,303)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 8,097,527	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 10,227,344	\$ 9,567,967	\$ (163,303)
Expenditures & Request:						
Administrative	\$ 2,876,248	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,498,695	\$ 3,270,329	\$ (119,497)
Support Services	1,751,590	2,206,663	2,206,663	2,304,174	1,890,834	(315,829)



Public Service Commission Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Motor Carrier Registration	1,388,893	1,812,376	1,812,376	1,849,311	1,873,907	61,531
District Offices	2,080,796	2,322,405	2,322,405	2,575,164	2,532,897	210,492
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 8,097,527	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 9,731,270	\$ 10,227,344	\$ 9,567,967	\$ (163,303)
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	104	104	104	104	93	(11)
Unclassified	18	18	18	18	18	0
Total FTEs	122	122	122	122	111	(11)



158_1000 — Administrative

Program Authorization: Constitution of State of Louisiana, Article IV, Section 21, Revised Statutes 36:721

Program Description

The mission of the Administrative Program is to provide leadership, support, and oversight necessary for efficient operation of the Commission.

The goals of the Public Service Commission are to provide support to all programs of the Commission through policy development, communications, and dissemination of information, to provide technical and legal support to all programs to ensure that all cases are processed through the Commission in a timely manner, and to seek to ensure that Do Not Call consumer problems, issues, and complaints are sufficiently monitored and addressed efficiently. The accomplishment of these goals involves:

- Executive Division: Coordinates all operations of the Public Service Commission except those performed in District Offices, which are under the supervision of the individual commissioner.
- Office of General Counsel: General Counsel serves as the legal representative of the Commission at all levels of the judicial system including the 19th judicial court and other state and federal regulatory bodies. In some instances the General Counsel may serve as a hearing examiner. Responsible for accurate and orderly processing of all formal proceedings that are acted upon by the Commission, transcription of public hearings for interested parties and the courts, and filing orders and decisions arising from these proceedings and maintaining accurate filings.
- Legal Division: Represents the Commission in all docketed cases, i.e. complaints against regulated companies and all rate making and rule making proceedings. Staff may investigate and/or request discovery regarding complaints and applications, prosecute regulated entities for violating orders, rules and regulations; initiate generic rule makings; develop regulatory plans and determine earnings. Will represent Commission in prosecuting the violators of the Do Not Call Solicitation program.
- Management & Finance: Responsible for providing services necessary to the overall operation of the Commission.
- Do Not Call Solicitation Program: Act 40 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session placed into law (R.S. 45:844.11-15) the Do Not Call Solicitation Program which mandates the Public Service Commission promulgate rules and regulations and provide for a Do Not Call listing of residential telephonic subscribers. Also, this program provides for enforcement and a violation procedure for offenders of the program.
- Fiscal Accounting and Office Services Section: Oversees all financial accounting fiscal operations, budget preparation, accounts payable, accounts receivable, revenue classifications, payroll and related benefit functions. Administers the collections program and processes approximately \$7 million annually.
- Human Resources Section: Administers the human resource program, which includes processing all new hires, promotions, resignations, retirements, and transfers. Responsible for the Job Performance Rating Program, CPTP and Employee Benefits programs.
- Information Technology Section: Manages all hardware and software applications and provides support to Commission staff with IT activities; continually updates the Commission systems with the latest technology available on the market.

Administrative Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	2,876,248	3,389,826	3,389,826	3,498,695	3,270,329	(119,497)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 2,876,248	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,498,695	\$ 3,270,329	\$ (119,497)
Expenditures & Request:						
Personal Services	\$ 2,007,472	\$ 2,283,772	\$ 2,283,772	\$ 2,384,447	\$ 2,182,173	\$ (101,599)
Total Operating Expenses	149,973	262,124	262,124	264,874	249,753	(12,371)
Total Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	687,863	740,425	740,425	760,199	749,228	8,803
Total Acq & Major Repairs	30,940	103,505	103,505	89,175	89,175	(14,330)
Total Unallotted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 2,876,248	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,389,826	\$ 3,498,695	\$ 3,270,329	\$ (119,497)
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	32	32	32	32	26	(6)
Unclassified	3	3	3	3	3	0
Total FTEs	35	35	35	35	29	(6)

Source of Funding

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers, contract carriers, and public utilities. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering the program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedication Fund.)



Administrative Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Telephonic Solicitation Relief Fund	\$ 257,323	\$ 353,263	\$ 353,263	\$ 322,962	\$ 328,574	\$ (24,689)
Utility & Carrier Inspection/ Supervision Fund	2,618,925	3,036,563	3,036,563	3,175,733	2,941,755	(94,808)

Major Changes from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Mid-Year Adjustments (BA-7s):
\$ 0	\$ 3,389,826	35	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07
Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	24,776	0	Annualize Classified State Employee Merits
0	51,847	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases
0	(27,597)	0	State Employee Retirement Rate Adjustment
0	6,174	0	Group Insurance for Active Employees
0	8,658	0	Group Insurance for Retirees
0	192,220	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(83,912)	0	Attrition Adjustment
0	(171,408)	(5)	Personnel Reductions
0	21,875	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	(103,505)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	9,174	0	Risk Management
0	20,725	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
0	(16,444)	0	Rent in State-Owned Buildings
0	233	0	UPS Fees
0	(3,947)	0	Civil Service Fees
0	(218)	0	CPTP Fees
0	(720)	0	Office of Computing Services Fees
0	78,981	0	Office of Information Technology Projects
Non-Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	(102,357)	(1)	Transfer of one position and associated funding from the Administrative program to the Motor Carrier Registration program to reflect reorganization of Transportation (Motor Carrier) Division. The position will oversee the division and manage the daily operations.



Major Changes from Existing Operating Budget (Continued)

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
0	(24,052)	0	Group Insurance Funding from Other Line Items.
\$ 0	\$ 3,270,329	29	Recommended FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Less Hurricane Disaster Recovery Funding
\$ 0	\$ 3,270,329	29	Base Executive Budget FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 3,270,329	29	Grand Total Recommended

Professional Services

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$27,939	Electronic document management system - imaging training, contracts for web maintenance, system maintenance, and system support.
\$49,999	MCI contract - Do Not Call Program - contract for automated telephone subscriber registration in Louisiana. Do Not Call Solicitation Program per Act 40 of the Regular Session of 2001. The Do Not Call Program was designed to reduce the number of unwanted telephone solicitation calls to residential telephone subscribers.
\$8,000	BellSouth - Do Not Call Program - contract provides residential subscriber information as well as long distance carrier information for enforcement research. This allows the enforcement staff to investigate complaints filed by residential subscribers against solicitors and assists in the collection of penalties.
\$85,938	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$13,513	Civil Service - administrative cost for personnel services
\$2,118	Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTP)
\$11,688	DOA - Office of Computing Services
\$1,000	DOA - State Printing
\$10,483	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$14,211	Office of State Mail
\$94,776	Office of Telecommunications for telephone services
\$393,117	Rent In-state Owned Buildings
\$81,551	Risk Management
\$35,120	State Police
\$5,713	Uniform Payroll System



Other Charges (Continued)

Amount	Description
\$663,290	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$749,228	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$67,300	Replacement of personal computers, upgrading imaging server and frame relays as approved by Office of Information Technology.
\$21,875	Law book updates (annual), office furniture, file cabinets, and desk chairs
\$89,175	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

Performance Information

1. (KEY) To provide the administrative oversight, leadership and support services necessary to efficiently gain the objectives established for all department programs.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of program objectives met (LAPAS CODE - 10209)	100%	50%	100%	100%	100%	70%

2. (KEY) To ensure that at least 75% of Public Service Commission orders will be issued within 30 business days of adoption.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable



Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of orders issued within 30 days (LAPAS CODE - 6325)	95%	75%	95%	95%	95%	75%
K	Average number of days to issue orders (LAPAS CODE - 673)	19	23	19	19	25	35
S	Number of orders issued (LAPAS CODE - 6323)	415	455	450	450	450	450

3. (KEY) Resolve all rate cases, with the exception of applicant requested wavier, within one year from the date of official filing.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of rate cases completed within one year (LAPAS CODE - 10217)	100%	68%	100%	100%	100%	100%
K	Average length of time for completion of rate cases (months) (LAPAS CODE - 675)	12	10	12	12	12	12
S	Number of rate cases heard (LAPAS CODE - 6328)	12	9	12	12	12	12



4. (KEY) By June 30, 2011 achieve a resolution rate of 75% of complaints received by the DO NOT CALL Program within 100 days of receipt of complete information.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Explanatory Note: The Do Not Call Program began January 1, 2002. The program is designed to reduce the number of unwanted telephone solicitation calls to residential telephone subscribers.

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
S	Number of complaints received (LAPAS CODE - 20672)	340	580	340	340	580	580
S	Number of complaints resolved. (LAPAS CODE - 20673)	187	361	187	187	379	379
S	Average number of days to process complaints. (LAPAS CODE - 20674)	60	35	60	60	65	65
K	Percentage of complaints resolved within 100 business days. (LAPAS CODE - 20675)	55%	62%	55%	55%	65%	65%

Administrative General Performance Information

Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values				
	Prior Year Actual FY 2002-2003	Prior Year Actual FY 2003-2004	Prior Year Actual FY 2004-2005	Prior Year Actual FY 2005-2006	Prior Year Actual FY 2006-2007
Number of registered solicitors (telemarketers) (LAPAS CODE - 13691)	399	383	409	607	894
Program did not begin until January 1, 2002.					
Amount of solicitor registration collections (LAPAS CODE - 13692)	\$ 319,010	\$ 307,200	\$ 295,900	\$ 301,000	\$ 357,900
Program did not begin until January 1, 2002.					



Administrative General Performance Information (Continued)

Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values				
	Prior Year Actual FY 2002-2003	Prior Year Actual FY 2003-2004	Prior Year Actual FY 2004-2005	Prior Year Actual FY 2005-2006	Prior Year Actual FY 2006-2007
Amount of collections from solicitor violations (LAPAS CODE - 15797)	\$ 296,250	\$ 67,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,006	\$ 38,450
Program did not begin until January 1, 2002.					
Number of registered residential telephone subscribers. (LAPAS CODE - 14503)	356,006	793,196	1,260,893	1,597,373	1,832,928
Program did not begin until January 1, 2002.					



158_2000 — Support Services

Program Authorization: Louisiana Revised Statutes 45:1161; 45:1177 (a,b,&d); 1180 and 45:1181

Program Description

The mission of the Support Services Program is to review, analyze, and investigate rates and charges filed before the Commission with respect to prudence and adequacy of those rates; manage the process of adjudicatory proceedings; conduct evidentiary hearings and make rules and recommendations to the Commissioners which are just, impartial, professional, orderly, efficient, and which generate the highest degree of public confidence in the Commission's integrity and fairness.

Goals of the Support Services Program are to ensure that jurisdictional company rates are fair and reasonable to the consumer and provide a fair rate of return to the company by providing the Commission with accurate reporting of regulated utility and common carrier companies' financial condition, level of earnings, rate of return, adherence to federal, state, local, and PSC laws, regulations and guidelines to assist in decision-making responsibilities, and to ensure that all parties to adjudicatory hearings are provided a fair and impartial hearing, orderly progress of the case, and a complete record. The accomplishment of these goals involves:

- **Administrative Hearings Division:** Assist the Commission in making an examination of rates and services charged by public utilities and common carriers or Louisiana consumers. Administrative Law Judges manage the process of and conduct hearings in all matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission for which adjudicatory or evidentiary hearing is requested.
- **Office of General Counsel:** General Counsel serves as the legal representative of the Commission at all levels of the judicial system including the 19th judicial court and other state and federal regulatory bodies. In some instances the General Counsel may serve as a hearing examiner. Responsible for adequate and orderly processing of all formal proceedings that are acted upon by the Commission, transcription of public hearings for interested parties and the courts; and filing orders and decisions arising from these proceedings and maintaining accurate filings.
- **Auditing Division:** Primary responsibility is to provide the Commission with accurate and current information with respect to the financial condition and the results of operations of regulated utilities.
- **Economics Division:** Reviews and analyzes rates of return and rate increase proposals by regulated utilities and makes recommendations to the Commission. Provides analytic capabilities to aid the Commission in actively planning and developing policies in regard to the regulation and oversight of regulated utilities.
- **Utilities Division:** Responsible for the maintenance of all rates and conditions of service records filed by regulated utilities. Works closely with the Audit Division to examine and audit costs of electric fuel adjustments and natural gas purchases by natural gas companies. Assist with investigation of complaints that cannot be resolved at the district office level.



Support Services Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,751,590	2,206,663	2,206,663	2,304,174	1,890,834	(315,829)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 1,751,590	\$ 2,206,663	\$ 2,206,663	\$ 2,304,174	\$ 1,890,834	\$ (315,829)
Expenditures & Request:						
Personal Services	\$ 1,315,857	\$ 1,655,503	\$ 1,655,503	\$ 1,715,334	\$ 1,340,994	\$ (314,509)
Total Operating Expenses	31,479	75,002	75,002	86,502	100,002	25,000
Total Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	372,211	371,738	371,738	422,238	371,738	0
Total Acq & Major Repairs	32,043	104,420	104,420	80,100	78,100	(26,320)
Total Unallotted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 1,751,590	\$ 2,206,663	\$ 2,206,663	\$ 2,304,174	\$ 1,890,834	\$ (315,829)
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	25	25	25	25	21	(4)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTEs	25	25	25	25	21	(4)

Source of Funding

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by public utilities. (Per R.S. 39.32 B(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)



Support Services Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Utility & Carrier Inspection/ Supervision Fund	1,141,001	1,495,587	2,206,663	2,304,174	1,890,834	(315,829)
Economic/Rate & Hearing Exam Supplemental	610,589	711,076	0	0	0	0

Major Changes from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Mid-Year Adjustments (BA-7s):
\$ 0	\$ 2,206,663	25	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07
Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	21,931	0	Annualize Classified State Employee Merits
0	37,900	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases
0	(19,308)	0	State Employee Retirement Rate Adjustment
0	51,632	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(188,151)	0	Attrition Adjustment
0	(218,513)	(4)	Personnel Reductions
0	23,100	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	(104,420)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	80,000	0	Office of Information Technology Projects
Non-Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
\$ 0	\$ 1,890,834	21	Recommended FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Less Hurricane Disaster Recovery Funding
\$ 0	\$ 1,890,834	21	Base Executive Budget FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 1,890,834	21	Grand Total Recommended

Professional Services

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.



Other Charges

Amount	Description
Other Charges:	
\$13,000	Electronic document management system - contracts for web maintenance, system maintenance, and system support.
\$13,000	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
Interagency Transfers:	
\$3,375	DOA - Office of Computing Services
\$3,765	Office of State Mail
\$50,573	Office of Telecommunications for telephone services
\$301,025	Rent In-state owned Buildings
\$358,738	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$371,738	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$57,000	Replacement of personal computers, upgrading imaging server and frame relays as approved by Office of Information Technology.
\$21,100	Law book updates (annual), office furniture
\$78,100	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

Performance Information

1. (KEY) To generate \$600 million in direct and indirect savings to utilities rate payers through prudent review of existing and proposed rate schedules by Fiscal Year 2010 -2011.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable



Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Direct savings to rate payers (millions) (LAPAS CODE - 695)	\$ 582	\$ 547	\$ 547	\$ 547	\$ 547	\$ 547
	Direct savings result from reduction orders for existing rates recommended by the program and ordered by the Public Service Commission.						
K	Indirect savings to rate payers (millions) (LAPAS CODE - 694)	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 1
	Indirect savings result from requested rate increases denied by the Public Service Commission based upon recommendations by the program.						
S	Number of utility filing for rate increases (LAPAS CODE - 10225)	15	6	13	13	10	10

2. (KEY) Ensure 95% of proposed recommendations to the Commissioners are issued, after all legal delays, within 120 days of public hearing.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of recommendations issued within 120 days (LAPAS CODE - 11668)	95%	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%
S	Average length of time to issue proposed recommendation (LAPAS CODE - 11671)	60	16	60	60	60	60
S	Number of cases heard (LAPAS CODE - 11677)	250	254	250	250	250	250
S	Number of recommendations issued. (LAPAS CODE - 20689)	260	239	260	260	260	260





158_3000 — Motor Carrier Registration

Program Authorization: Louisiana Revised Statutes 45:162-180 et seq

Program Description

The mission of the Motor Carrier Program is to provide fair and impartial regulations of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire, to be responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce, and to provide fair and equal treatment in the application and enforcement of motor carrier laws.

Program goals are: to administer the rules and orders of the Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services, to have more effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements; thus, protecting the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable, and discriminatory rates and charges, and to provide timely service to the motor carrier industry by processing 100% of all registrations within 5 days of receipt of complete information.

The division provides for the regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. It provides staff support to the Commission in the enforcement of motor carrier laws that are designed to assure the public of safe, dependable transportation services. Also, it is responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce.

Administrative Section: Processes paperwork necessary for a company to engage legally in transportation services within and through the state, receives, examines and docket applications for operating rights, changes in rules or regulations, discontinuance or changes in services or facilities; processes other matters requiring a hearing and interprets operating authorities and offers advice to those seeking to engage in transportation services. Also responsible for analysis and reporting of cases to the Commission, before and after hearings, preparation of orders after a decision by the Commission, service of orders and compliance and offering specialized testimony before the Commission or court. This staff maintains records of liability and cargo insurance filings on interstate and intrastate common and contract for-hire motor carriers. Staff also takes and processes complaints by shippers, receivers and carriers.

- Enforcement Section: Operates in the field on a statewide basis and is concerned with compliance regarding the rates, services and practices of motor carriers operating in, to, and through the state in intrastate/interstate commerce. These enforcement officers work at highway weigh scales and conduct road checks along the highway. When violations are detected, the officer issues a violation ticket and an appearance bond is collected. The officer will appear at the hearing and give sworn testimony regarding the violation. These enforcement officers also handle complaints received from carriers regarding possible violations by another carrier.

Motor Carrier Registration Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	188,893	1,812,376	1,812,376	1,849,311	1,873,907	61,531
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 1,388,893	\$ 1,812,376	\$ 1,812,376	\$ 1,849,311	\$ 1,873,907	\$ 61,531
Expenditures & Request:						
Personal Services	\$ 1,165,098	\$ 1,309,529	\$ 1,309,529	\$ 1,357,129	\$ 1,394,739	\$ 85,210
Total Operating Expenses	59,834	116,779	116,779	128,279	115,265	(1,514)
Total Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	151,386	216,203	216,203	216,203	216,203	0
Total Acq & Major Repairs	12,575	169,865	169,865	147,700	147,700	(22,165)
Total Unallotted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 1,388,893	\$ 1,812,376	\$ 1,812,376	\$ 1,849,311	\$ 1,873,907	\$ 61,531
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	25	25	25	25	25	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTEs	25	25	25	25	25	0

Source of Funding

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers and contract carriers. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering this program. In Fiscal Year 2006-2007, this program received a one-time State General Fund supplemental appropriation to address significant temporary reductions in motor carrier fees. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)



Motor Carrier Registration Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Utility & Carrier Inspection/ Supervision Fund	\$ 38,350	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Carrier Regulation Fund	150,543	1,812,376	1,812,376	1,849,311	1,873,907	61,531

Major Changes from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Mid-Year Adjustments (BA-7s):
\$ 0	\$ 1,812,376	25	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07
Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	18,927	0	Annualize Classified State Employee Merits
0	27,159	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases
0	(19,882)	0	State Employee Retirement Rate Adjustment
0	934	0	Group Insurance for Active Employees
0	20,851	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(32,373)	0	Attrition Adjustment
0	(32,763)	(1)	Personnel Reductions
0	90,900	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	(169,865)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	56,800	0	Office of Information Technology Projects
Non-Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	102,357	1	Transfer of one position and associated funding from the Administrative program to the Motor Carrier Registration program to reflect reorganization of Transportation (Motor Carrier) Division. The position will oversee the division and manage the daily operations.
0	(1,514)	0	Group Insurance Funding from Other Line Items.
\$ 0	\$ 1,873,907	25	Recommended FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Less Hurricane Disaster Recovery Funding
\$ 0	\$ 1,873,907	25	Base Executive Budget FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 1,873,907	25	Grand Total Recommended



Professional Services

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$43,845	Information technology contracts for system maintenance and imaging
\$43,845	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$2,773	DOA - Office of Computing Services
\$8,540	Office of State Mail
\$46,451	Office of Telecommunications for telephone services
\$114,594	Rent In-state Owned Buildings
\$172,358	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$216,203	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$56,800	Replacement of personal computers, upgrading imaging server and frame relays as approved by Office of Information Technology.
\$18,900	Replacement of office furniture
\$72,000	Replacement of four (4) enforcement automobiles.
\$147,700	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

Performance Information

- (KEY) To provide timely service to the motor carrier industry by processing 100% of all registrations within 5 days of receipt of complete information**

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable



Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of all registrations processed within 5 days (LAPAS CODE - 11870)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
S	Number of registration applications received (LAPAS CODE - 11871)	6,500	2,138	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Due to the passage of the Federal Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR) which replaced a State registration program, the Public Service Commission was unable to accept certain registrations from January, 2007, through June, 2007.							
S	Number of registrations processed within 5 days (LAPAS CODE - 20690)	\$ 6,500	\$ 2,138	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500

2. (KEY) By June 30, 2011, an 18% violation rate will result from vehicles inspected for compliance.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percentage of inspections that result in violations (LAPAS CODE - 6348)	17%	12%	17%	17%	17%	15%
S	Number of vehicle inspections that result in violations. (LAPAS CODE - 20691)	8,460	3,647	8,460	8,460	8,460	7,812
Due to the passage of the Federal Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR), which replaced a State registration program, the Public Service Commission was unable to accept certain registrations from January, 2007 through June, 2007. As a result, fewer violation tickets could be issued.							
S	Number of inspections performed (LAPAS CODE - 717)	47,000	30,454	47,000	47,000	47,000	41,000



Motor Carrier Registration General Performance Information

Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values				
	Prior Year Actual FY 2002-2003	Prior Year Actual FY 2003-2004	Prior Year Actual FY 2004-2005	Prior Year Actual FY 2005-2006	Prior Year Actual FY 2006-2007
Amount of registration collections. (LAPAS CODE - 11872)	\$ 4,218,155	\$ 4,134,275	\$ 4,380,779	\$ 4,533,287	\$ 286,374
Amount of collections from violations. (LAPAS CODE - 11877)	\$ 1,353,379	\$ 1,760,559	\$ 1,784,151	\$ 1,970,490	\$ 1,133,385



158_4000 — District Offices

Program Authorization: State of Louisiana Constitution, Article IV, Section 21.

Program Description

The mission of the District Offices is to provide accessibility and information to the public on regulation as it applies to the services provided the consumer.

Program goals are: to provide effective and efficient services to ensure that consumer problems, issues, and complaints are sufficiently monitored and addressed in a timely manner, and to promote fair regulation of the public utilities and motor carriers operating in the State of Louisiana.

District Offices Budget Summary

	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Means of Financing:						
State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
State General Fund by:						
Total Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees and Self-generated Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	2,080,796	2,322,405	2,322,405	2,575,164	2,532,897	210,492
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Means of Financing	\$ 2,080,796	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,575,164	\$ 2,532,897	\$ 210,492
Expenditures & Request:						
Personal Services	\$ 1,737,189	\$ 1,881,085	\$ 1,881,085	\$ 2,043,316	\$ 2,022,292	\$ 141,207
Total Operating Expenses	251,398	309,922	309,922	321,422	321,422	11,500
Total Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	88,579	90,583	90,583	111,826	90,583	0
Total Acq & Major Repairs	3,630	40,815	40,815	98,600	98,600	57,785
Total Unallotted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Request	\$ 2,080,796	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,575,164	\$ 2,532,897	\$ 210,492
Authorized Full-Time Equivalents:						
Classified	22	22	22	22	21	(1)
Unclassified	15	15	15	15	15	0
Total FTEs	37	37	37	37	36	(1)



Source of Funding

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers, contract carriers, and public utilities. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering the program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedication Fund.)

District Offices Statutory Dedications

Fund	Prior Year Actuals FY 2006-2007	Enacted FY 2007-2008	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07	Continuation FY 2008-2009	Recommended FY 2008-2009	Total Recommended Over/Under EOB
Utility & Carrier Inspection/ Supervision Fund	\$ 2,080,796	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,322,405	\$ 2,575,164	\$ 2,532,897	\$ 210,492

Major Changes from Existing Operating Budget

General Fund	Total Amount	Table of Organization	Description
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Mid-Year Adjustments (BA-7s):
\$ 0	\$ 2,322,405	37	Existing Oper Budget as of 12/01/07
Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
0	15,837	0	Annualize Classified State Employee Merits
0	146,394	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases
0	(29,456)	0	State Employee Retirement Rate Adjustment
0	44,523	0	Salary Base Adjustment
0	(36,091)	(1)	Personnel Reductions
0	41,100	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	(40,815)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
0	69,000	0	Office of Information Technology Projects
Non-Statewide Major Financial Changes:			
\$ 0	\$ 2,532,897	36	Recommended FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 0	0	Less Hurricane Disaster Recovery Funding
\$ 0	\$ 2,532,897	36	Base Executive Budget FY 2008-2009
\$ 0	\$ 2,532,897	36	Grand Total Recommended



Professional Services

Amount	Description
	This program does not have funding for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Other Charges

Amount	Description
	Other Charges:
\$6,007	Broadcast of the Commissioner's Business and Executive Sessions for the general public unable to attend.
\$6,007	SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES
	Interagency Transfers:
\$1,345	DOA - Office of Computing Services
\$1,100	DOA - State Printing
\$71,310	Office of Telecommunications for telephone services
\$10,821	Rent In-state Owned Buildings
\$84,576	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$90,583	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Amount	Description
\$57,500	Replacement of personal computers, upgrading imaging server and frame relays as approved by Office of Information Technology
\$41,100	Replacement of desk chairs, furniture
\$98,600	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

Performance Information

- (KEY) Ensure that 90% of all complaints that arise between regulated utilities and their customers are resolved within forty-five (45) business days of formal notification to the utility.**

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Percent of complaints resolved within 45 business days (LAPAS CODE - 14639)	90%	96%	90%	90%	95%	90%
S	Total number of complaints received (LAPAS CODE - 718)	17,750	17,850	18,050	18,050	18,050	18,050
S	Number of complaints in District 1 (LAPAS CODE - 6350)	2,050	1,540	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050
S	Number of complaints in District 2 (LAPAS CODE - 6351)	2,000	1,365	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
S	Number of complaints in District 3 (LAPAS CODE - 6352)	2,300	3,399	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
S	Number of complaints in District 4 (LAPAS CODE - 6353)	5,900	5,076	5,900	5,900	5,900	5,900
S	Number of complaints in District 5 (LAPAS CODE - 6354)	5,800	6,470	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800
S	Average length of time to process complaints in District 1 (in days) (LAPAS CODE - 10234)	3	3	3	3	3	3
S	Average length of time to process complaints in District 2 (in days) (LAPAS CODE - 10235)	4	4	4	4	4	4
S	Average length of time to process complaints in District 3 (in days) (LAPAS CODE - 10236)	4	3	4	4	4	4
S	Average length of time to process complaints in District 4 (in days) (LAPAS CODE - 10237)	2	2	2	2	2	2
S	Average length of time to process complaints in District 5 (in days) (LAPAS CODE - 10238)	3	3	3	3	3	3



2. (KEY) To maintain a system of regulation of utilities and motor carriers such that no more than two successful legal challenges are made to the orders promulgated by the commission.

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not Applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not Applicable

Human Resource Policies Beneficial to Women and Families Link: Not Applicable

Other Links: Not Applicable

Performance Indicators

L e v e l	Performance Indicator Name	Performance Indicator Values					
		Yearend Performance Standard FY 2006-2007	Actual Yearend Performance FY 2006-2007	Performance Standard as Initially Appropriated FY 2007-2008	Existing Performance Standard FY 2007-2008	Performance At Continuation Budget Level FY 2008-2009	Performance At Executive Budget Level FY 2008-2009
K	Number of successful legal challenges (LAPAS CODE - 10248)	2	2	2	2	2	2
S	Number of orders promulgated (LAPAS CODE - 10250)	430	455	450	450	450	450
In the year indicated the performance indicator was "Number of issues promulgated." These were issues found within each order. Due to the difficulty in determining each issue within an order the indicator has been changed to the actual number of orders issued.							



