

**Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Summary of Recommendations - House**

**Section 1**

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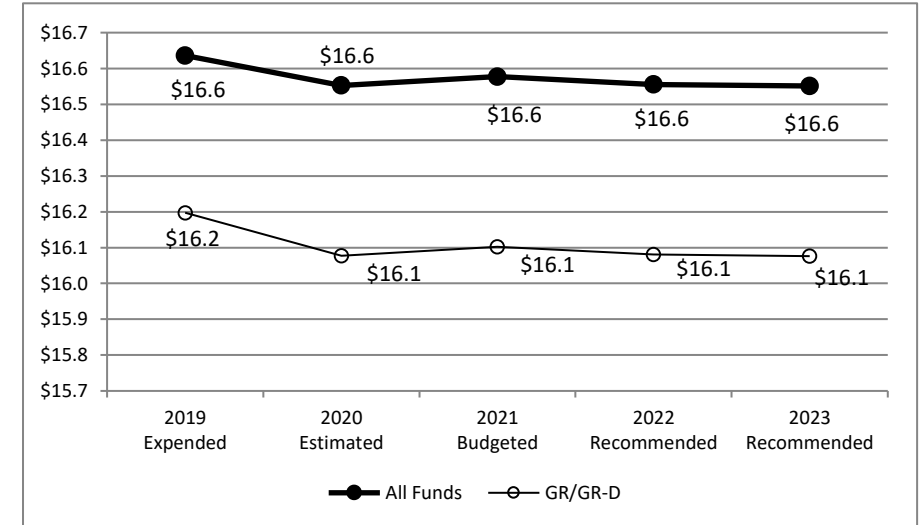
Method of Financing	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change (\$)	Biennial Change (%)
General Revenue Funds	\$26,260,296	\$26,237,251	(\$23,045)	(0.1%)
GR Dedicated Funds	\$5,919,256	\$5,919,256	\$0	0.0%
<i>Total GR-Related Funds</i>	<i>\$32,179,552</i>	<i>\$32,156,507</i>	<i>(\$23,045)</i>	<i>(0.1%)</i>
Other	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>All Funds</b>	<b>\$33,129,552</b>	<b>\$33,106,507</b>	<b>(\$23,045)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>

	FY 2021 Budgeted	FY 2023 Recommended	Biennial Change	Percent Change
FTEs	202.0	202.0	0.0	0.0%

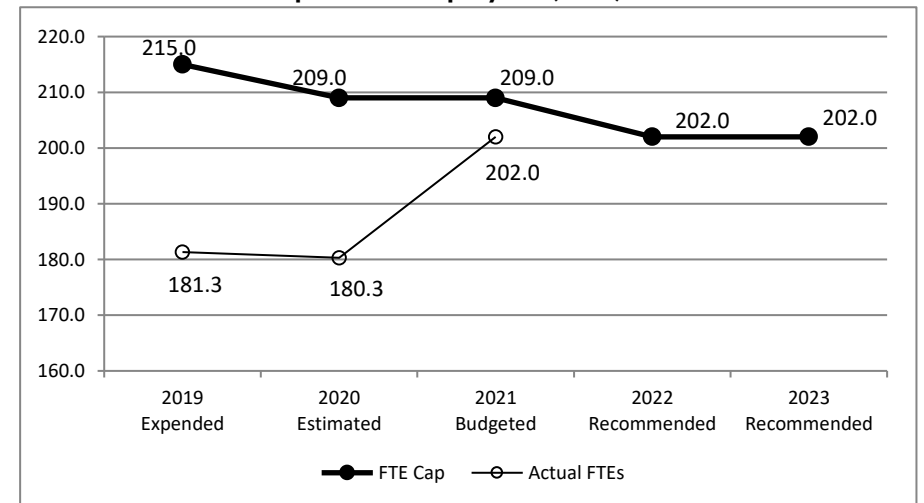
**Agency Budget and Policy Issues and/or Highlights**

The bill pattern for this agency (2022-23 Recommended) represents an estimated 100.0% of the agency's estimated total available funds for the 2022-23 biennium.

**Historical Funding Levels (Millions)**



**Historical Full-Time-Equivalent Employees (FTEs)**



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**Selected Fiscal and Policy Issues - House**

1. **Restoration of 5% Reduction:** The agency indicates that restoration would allow the PUC to operate at 100% capacity. The agency would use the funds to hire staff and for staff development and trainings. From 2003 until now, PUC was appropriated an additional 9.5% in 18 years (before the 5% reduction). Full-Time Equivalents were 242 in 2003 and 209 in 2021 (before the 5% reduction), including 30+ FTEs for water utility regulation that was not a PUC responsibility in 2003.
2. **Self-Funded, Self-Leveling Designation.** The agency estimates that its current gross receipts assessment will generate an excess of \$39 million in revenue above its approximately \$13.0 million General Revenue recommended appropriation in each fiscal year of the 2022-23 biennium. In the administrator's statement of their Legislative Appropriations Request, the agency requests a self-funded, self-leveling designation, which would necessitate a change in statute. This designation would require the agency to set its gross receipts assessment, which is currently a fee of one-sixth of one percent of consumer utility bills, at a rate such that revenues would equal the amount of General Revenue appropriations. Such a change would mean a loss of revenue to the state of \$78 million for the biennium, the estimated amount by which current revenue exceeds appropriations.

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Rider Highlights - House**

**Modification of Existing Riders**

1. **Capital Budget.** Recommendations include a decrease of capital budget authority of \$23,045 in General Revenue Funds to maintain current obligations for Data Center Service levels as identified by the Department of Information Resources.

**New Riders**

2. None

**Deleted Riders**

3. None

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Items Not Included in Recommendations - House

	2022-23 Biennial Total			Information Technology Involved?	Contracting Involved?	Estimated Continued Cost 2024-25
	GR & GR-D	All Funds	FTEs			

Agency Exceptional Items Not Included (in agency priority order)

1)	The PUC is requesting restoration of its 5 percent appropriation reduction that was directed by the LBB and Governor.	\$1,693,661	\$1,693,661	0.0	No	No	\$0
2)	Rulemaking and Writing Section: 2 attorney positions and 1 paralegal	\$520,000	\$520,000	3.0	No	No	\$0

TOTAL Items Not Included in Recommendations		\$2,213,661	\$2,213,661	3.0			\$0
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Appendices - House

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\* Appendix is not included - no significant information to report

**Public Utility Commission of Texas**  
**Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS**

<b>Strategy/Goal</b>	<b>2020-21 Base</b>	<b>2022-23 Recommended</b>	<b>Biennial Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Comments</b>
MARKET COMPETITION A.1.1	\$8,092,186	\$8,085,504	(\$6,682)	(0.1%)	
UTILITY REGULATION A.2.1	\$8,202,520	\$8,196,068	(\$6,452)	(0.1%)	
INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT A.3.1	\$4,341,169	\$4,337,942	(\$3,227)	(0.1%)	
<b>Total, Goal A, COMPETITION/CHOICE/RATES/SERVICE</b>	<b>\$20,635,875</b>	<b>\$20,619,514</b>	<b>(\$16,361)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>	
INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS B.1.1	\$2,049,394	\$2,048,010	(\$1,384)	(0.1%)	
ASSIST CUSTOMERS B.2.1	\$1,854,389	\$1,853,238	(\$1,151)	(0.1%)	
<b>Total, Goal B, EDUCATION AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$3,903,783</b>	<b>\$3,901,248</b>	<b>(\$2,535)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION C.1.1	\$1,214,483	\$1,211,717	(\$2,766)	(0.2%)	
INFORMATION RESOURCES C.1.2	\$432,758	\$431,606	(\$1,152)	(0.3%)	
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES C.1.3	\$73,397	\$73,166	(\$231)	(0.3%)	
<b>Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$1,720,638</b>	<b>\$1,716,489</b>	<b>(\$4,149)</b>	<b>(0.2%)</b>	
<b>Grand Total, All Strategies</b>	<b>\$26,260,296</b>	<b>\$26,237,251</b>	<b>(\$23,045)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>	

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Funding Changes and Recommendations by Strategy - House -- GR DEDICATED

Strategy/Goal	2020-21 Base	2022-23 Recommended	Biennial Change	% Change	Comments
MARKET COMPETITION A.1.1	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
UTILITY REGULATION A.2.1	\$5,513,756	\$5,513,756	\$0	0.0%	
INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT A.3.1	\$405,500	\$405,500	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Total, Goal A, COMPETITION/CHOICE/RATES/SERVICE</b>	<b>\$5,919,256</b>	<b>\$5,919,256</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS B.1.1	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
ASSIST CUSTOMERS B.2.1	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Total, Goal B, EDUCATION AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION C.1.1	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
INFORMATION RESOURCES C.1.2	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES C.1.3	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	
<b>Total, Goal C, INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>Grand Total, All Strategies</b>	<b>\$5,919,256</b>	<b>\$5,919,256</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	

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FTE Highlights - House

Full-Time-Equivalent Positions	Expended 2019	Estimated 2020	Budgeted 2021	Recommended 2022	Recommended 2023
Cap	215.0	209.0	209.0	202.0	202.0
Actual/Budgeted	181.3	180.3	202.0	NA	NA

Schedule of Exempt Positions (Cap)

Executive Director (\$200,000)

Commissioner Chairman (\$189,500)

Commissioner (189,500)

Notes:

The State Auditor's Office Report, Executive Compensation at State Agencies (Report 20-706, August 2020), indicates a market average salary of \$178,223 for the Executive Director position at the Public Utility Commission. The agency is not requesting any changes to its exempt position.