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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/18/09

SPONSOR SCONC LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Renewable Energy Resource Zones SM 44/SCONCS/aSCONC

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
NFI	NFI*		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*See Narrative
Relates to N/A

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SCONCS Amendment

Senate Conservation Committee Amendment to Senate Conservation Committee Substitute for Senate Memorial 44 adds the following language:

On page 3, line 22; on page 6, line 5; and on page 7, line 11; after the word “company,” insert “Excell/SPS, and other transmission companies,”

Synopsis of SCONCS

Senate Conservation Committee Substitute for Senate Memorial 44 resolves that the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) be requested to (i) prepare maps and supporting documents to show New Mexico’s transmission corridors and renewable energy resource zones, (ii) coordinate with state and federal agencies to identify and prioritize regions with low or minimal development conflicts, and (iii) identify the best options for transmission corridors. The information is to be presented to the Governor and the interim legislative oversight committee of the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) during the 2009 interim

period. The draft information will be provided to the public during a 45-day comment period and input would also be solicited from electric utilities and transmission companies. The final report with revised maps and supporting documents is to be presented to the NMFA oversight committee by October 31, 2009.

The memorial also resolves that RETA convene a working group of agencies to submit a joint report to the legislature that (i) identifies jurisdictional and administrative barriers that impede renewable energy production; (ii) describes opportunities to develop planning processes; (iii) examines the modification of the federal energy regulation commission permitting processes; and (iv) recommends actions that could be taken by state and federal governments to streamline the manner in which a renewable energy transmission infrastructure is pursued within the state.

Copies of the memorial are to be distributed to appropriate federal, state and private entities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

EMNRD notes that while there are none for EMNRD, it is unknown if the small staff of RETA could absorb this work without additional expenditure.

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