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Estimated Average Annual Costs For SEC Proceedings and Activities
Based Upon SB 245 (as amended) and Current Law (RSA 162-H)

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Sample Project Types & Activity Categories	Total # Days	Estimated Proceedings Cost For 7 Member Per Diem Panel Plus Staff	Estimated Proceedings Cost For 7 Member Hybrid Panel Plus Staff	Current Proceedings Cost for SEC Full Committee Plus Staff	Current Proceedings Cost for SEC Subcommittee Plus Staff
		15 Members	9 Members	15 Members	9 Members
Estimated Cost (\$/day)		\$6,402	\$7,438	\$14,131	\$11,510
Wind Project (1)	25	\$ 160,045	\$ 185,955	\$ 353,275	\$ 287,750
Transmission Lines (1-3)	15	96,027	111,573	211,965	172,650
Facility Modification (1-2)	5	32,009	37,191	70,655	57,550
Gas Pipeline Modification (1-2)	5	32,009	37,191	70,655	57,550
Major New Energy facility (1) **	10	64,018	74,382	141,310	115,100
Total Application Hearing Costs	60	\$ 384,108	\$ 446,293	\$ 847,860	\$ 690,600
Oversight/enforcement (1-3)	5	\$ 32,009	\$ 37,191	\$ 70,655	\$ 57,550
Rulemaking, Training & Admin	5	32,009	37,191	70,655	57,550
Total Other Proceedings Costs	10	\$ 64,018	\$ 74,382	\$ 141,310	\$ 115,100
Other Costs (Admin Support)		23,625	23,625	23,625	23,625
Total Cost Comparison		\$ 471,751	\$ 544,300	\$ 1,012,795	\$ 829,325

Assumptions:

**Major new Energy Facility (generation; transmission line; pipeline) is expected to run approximately 50 days and occur approximately once every 5 years. To factor this into an average year's worth of hearings, we divided the total days by 5 to get an approximate average # of days per year.

Current Proceeding Costs for SEC Committee includes the average daily cost for current members plus SEC counsel costs of \$6,000 per proceeding day (assuming 2 days of preparation and/or follow-up added to each hearing day).

Total # days = anticipated # days for preparation, hearings and deliberations
Daily Cost Per (\$/day) =Average Daily cost for Members based on # of Members and staff in each alternative

For 7 Member Per Diem Panel:

Costs assume 7 members appointed by G&C and paid a per diem at the PUC daily rate plus SEC staff costs for 2 FTEs. SEC Staff Costs include salary, benefits and other costs associated with an executive director and a staff attorney.

For 7 Member Hybrid Panel:

Costs assume 2 members appointed by G&C and paid a per diem at the PUC daily rate plus 5 state agency members and SEC staff costs for 2 FTEs. The state agencies include one member from each of: Cultural Resources, Environmental Services, Fish & Game, Resources & Economic Development and Public Utilities Commission; other combinations could be considered. SEC Staff Costs include salary, benefits and other costs associated with an executive director and a staff attorney.

Other Costs:

Assumes outside administrative costs of \$3,375 per proceeding. (\$3,375 * 7)