

Fund Source Report

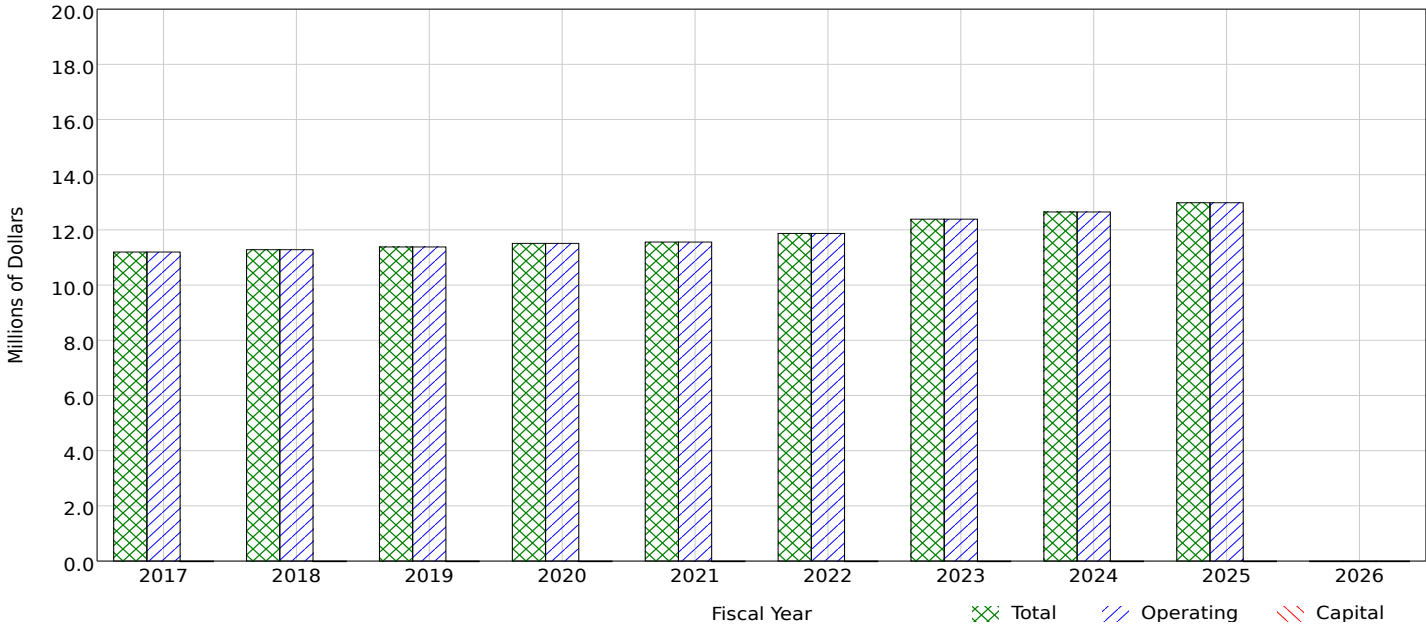
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RCA Rcpts

Regulatory Commission of Alaska Receipts

Year Authorized 2001 Year Repealed Active? Yes Mental Health? No Duplicated? No Fund Group Designated General

Operating and Capital Appropriations



Legal Authority
AS 37.05.146(c)(21), AS 42.05.254

Source of Revenue
Consists of a calculated charge to consumers statewide for use of services provided by a regulated utility. The charge to users is determined each year at a public meeting, and may not exceed 0.87 percent of total adjusted gross revenue of all regulated public utilities derived from operations in the state.

Restrictions on Use
AS 42.05.254 states that regulatory fees are to be used for operations of the Commission and for public advocacy functions performed by the Department of Law. Total fees are to be set so that receipts are approximately equal to the budget of the commission. Appropriations to the Commission and Department of Law are limited to 0.8 percent and 0.17 percent, respectively, of the gross revenue of regulated utilities.

Description and History
The Alaska Public Service Commission existed from 1960 until 1970. In 1970, the legislature established the Alaska Public Utilities Commissioner (APUC) replacing the Alaska Public Service Commission. In 1972 the Alaska Pipeline Commission was established and it regulated intrastate pipelines until 1981, at which time it was merged into the Alaska Pipeline Utilities Commission. The legislature replaced the Alaska Pipeline Utilities Commission with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) in 1999. It was given the authority to regulate both utilities and pipeline carriers throughout the State.

The RCA has authority to regulate public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utilities and pipeline services and to ensure that they provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms and conditions. The RCA regulates public utilities such as telecommunication, electric, natural gas, water, sewer, and garbage. The Commission also determines the per kilowatt-hour support for eligible customers of electric utilities under the Power Cost Equalization Program.

This fund code consists of regulatory cost charges collected from the regulated public utilities operating in the State. These charges are used in the operations of the Commission and the Department of Law for public advocacy. Each year the regulatory cost charge is calculated at a public meeting.

Legislation (SB55, SLA 97) identified general fund program receipts that were designated for specific purposes. These receipts were then listed in AS 37.05.146 as "not part of the unrestricted general fund" and were not counted as general funds for budget purposes. Alaska Public Utility Commission Receipts fund code was among the reclassified codes.

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In FY01, the Alaska Public Utilities Commission changed its name to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. At that time, code 1141 was created as a replacement for code 1110 (Alaska Public Utility Commission Receipts). Code 1110 was erroneously used in the FY02 budget \$5,871.3.

November 2010

This fund code classification was changed from "Other" to "Designated General Funds" in the 2010 Budget Clarification Project. This fund is designated in statute; however, use of these funds is at the discretion of the legislature.

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Because the RCA sets fees on a cost recovery basis, receipts could have been identified as generic Receipt Supported Services (1156). There is no convincing reason to deactivate 1141 at this time; it serves as a tracking code for a specific source of receipt supported services.

See

1110 Alaska Public Utility Commission Receipts (inactive)

1156 Receipt Supported Services