

**Public Service Commission
Budget 408
Senate Bill No. 2008**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 legislative appropriation	41.00	\$3,911,494	\$6,072,767	\$9,984,261
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>41.00</u>	<u>3,866,379</u>	<u>5,729,485</u>	<u>9,595,864</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	0.00	\$45,115	\$343,282	\$388,397

Item Description

Rail rate complaint case - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$250,000 for the initial phase of a rail rate complaint case, \$225,000 of which is from the state rail fund and \$25,000 from other sources. The Public Service Commission may not spend the \$225,000 from the state rail fund until receiving commitments for the \$25,000 of other funds. The Public Service Commission is to repay the state rail fund from any proceeds realized from a successful outcome of the rail rate complaint case.

Status/Result

The rail rate complaint case study is in progress. The Public Service Commission has hired two law firms with experience in rate cases and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute to assist with the study. It is anticipated that recommendations for a possible rail rate case will be received in April 2004. Funding from other sources is being provided by:

Wheat Commission	\$10,000
Grain Dealers Association	7,500
Farmers Union	5,000
Farm Bureau	2,500
Total	\$25,000