
Issue Brief – National Guard Utility Increases

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SUMMARY

Until The National Guard is responsible to operate and provide utility services for all of their facilities.

DISCUSSION

They currently have 967,446 square feet of facilities in the state. During the past year the National Guard has experienced a 20% increase in natural gas costs and a 17% increase in electrical expenses. It is unknown at this time if this is the extent of what is to be expected for utility costs. The Division of Facilities Construction and Management is experiencing the same concerns for utility increases at all state facilities.

The National Guard is projecting a shortfall of \$200,000 for utility expenses if no further increases are imposed. They have requested an additional \$78,000 from the General Fund and \$122,000 from Federal Funds to complete the unfunded portion of utility costs for FY 2006 and FY 2007.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider the funding \$78,000 from the General Fund and \$122,000 from Federal Funds in FY 2006 and the same amount in FY 2007 to pay for utility increases at National Guard facilities.