



NATIONAL GUARD UTILITY INCREASES

TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, NATIONAL GUARD, & VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

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

DISCUSSION

The National Guard currently has in excess of 967,000 square feet of facilities in the state. During the past year the National Guard has experienced a 3.3% increase in natural gas costs and electrical utility expenses with an addition increase estimated to equal 4.5% in 2010. 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 \$393,800 for utility expenses. They have requested an additional \$153,600 from the General Fund and \$240,200 from Federal Funds to complete the unfunded portion of utility costs for FY 2011.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Transportation, Environmental Quality, and National Guard Appropriations Subcommittee consider the funding \$153,600 from the General Fund and \$240,200 from Federal Funds in FY 2011 to pay for utility increases at National Guard facilities.