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BILL NUMBER: sSB 204
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AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL AND OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Energy and Public Utilities

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 204

STATE IMPACT	Minimal Cost, Within Normal Budgetary Resources, see explanation below, (Special Fund)
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Minimal Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Public Utility Control, Office of Consumer Counsel

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: There will be some additional responsibility as the result of the passage of this bill for the Department of Public Utility Control associated with a study and report on the "Call Before You Dig Program". This would be in the form of additional staff time required for the study and preparation of a report.

There may be some additional administrative costs resulting from increased testimony by rate payers during generic hearings.

It is anticipated that this study and the accommodation of rate payers at hearings can be handled with the normal budgetary resources of the Department of Public Utility Control.

There will be no savings associated with the limitations on expenses for consultants hired by the Department of Public Utility Control and Consumer Counsel since these expenses will be paid by the public service companies affected. However, the expenses paid by the utilities could be passed to the state through an increase in rates.

The expenses of the Department of Public Utility Control are paid out of the Public Utility and Consumer Counsel Fund which is comprised of assessments and fees charged to the public service companies.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: There will be no savings associated with the limitations on expenses for consultants hired by the Department of Public Utility Control and Consumer Counsel since these expenses will be paid by the public service companies affected. However, the expenses paid by the utilities could be passed to the municipalities through an increase in rates.