

Agency Name:	Office Of Regulatory Staff		
Agency Code:	R060	Section:	73



**Fiscal Year FY 2025-2026**

**Agency Budget Plan**

**FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY**

<b>OPERATING REQUESTS</b> <i>(FORM B1)</i>	<b>For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>NON-RECURRING REQUESTS</b> <i>(FORM B2)</i>	<b>For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>CAPITAL REQUESTS</b> <i>(FORM C)</i>	<b>For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

<b>PROVISOS</b> <i>(FORM D)</i>	<b>For FY 2025-2026, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Mark Rhoden	(803) 737-1108	mrhoden@ors.sc.gov
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2025-2026 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

<b>SIGN/DATE:</b> <b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>	<i>Agency Director</i> 	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i> 
	Andrew M. Bateman	Senator Thomas C. Alexander

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

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**FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION  
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**TITLE** | Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan

**AMOUNT** | \$93,763  
*What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*

**ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS** | N/A  
*How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*

**PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT** | SC Broadband Office  
*What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*

**SUMMARY** | The SC Broadband Office Coordinator would not expect a significant impact on its core responsibilities and function with a reduction of this amount. In the event of a General Fund reduction, the Office will look to leverage technology to reduce in-person meetings and optional conferences and the related travel expenses.

*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

**AGENCY COST  
SAVINGS PLANS**

Reduce travel Costs and optional conferences - \$20,000

Cost Share - \$21,590

Defer Purchases - \$25,000

Leverage Federal Funding - \$27,258

*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*

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## **FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

<b>TITLE</b>	Effort to Reduce Cost and Burden to Business
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS</b>	<p>ORS participated in regulation development initiated by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") related to regulation changes in the Commission practice and procedure and regulation changes impacting the customers of natural gas, electric, water, sewer utilities and transportation carriers. Many of the changes proposed by ORS during the Commission's regulation development process are intended to streamline the regulatory process and reduce regulatory costs for customers.</p>
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*What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<p><b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Repeal or revision of regulations.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Other</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeal or revision of regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other								

<b>METHOD OF CALCULATION</b>	N/A
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*Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.*

<b>REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES</b>	N/A
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*Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?*

<b>REDUCTION OF REGULATION</b>	N/A
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*Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p>ORS participated in regulation development initiated by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") related to regulation changes in the Commission practice and procedure and regulation changes impacting the customers of natural gas, electric, water, sewer utilities and transportation carriers. Many of the changes proposed by ORS during the Commission's regulation development process are intended to streamline the regulatory process and reduce regulatory costs for customers.</p>
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*Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?*