

Department of Finance		Fund: 3089
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<u>Legal Title</u> Public Utilities Commission Ratepayer Advocate Account		
<u>Legal Citation/Authority</u> Chapter 440, Statutes of 2001 (SB 201) Public Utilities Code section 309.5 (f)		
<u>Fund Classification</u> <u>GAAP Basis</u> Governmental/Special Revenue Funds	<u>Fund Classification</u> <u>Legal Basis</u> Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds	
<u>Purpose</u> The Public Utilities Commission Ratepayer Advocate Account was created to be utilized exclusively by the division in the performance of its duties. The division's duties include representing the interests of public utility customers and subscribers within the jurisdiction of the commission. The goal of the division is to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels.		
<u>Administering Agency/Organization Code</u> Public Utilities Commission/Org 8660		
<u>Major Revenue Source</u> Money from the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account in the General Fund will be transferred in the annual Budget Act to the Public Utilities Commission Ratepayer Advocate Account.		
<u>Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)</u> Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.		
<u>Appropriation Authority</u> Money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.		
<u>State Appropriations Limit</u> Excluded – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are transferred from another excluded fund and the purpose or use remains the same.		
<u>Comments/Historical Information</u> Established by Chapter 856, Statutes of 1996 (SB 960) the revenue source was omitted, then amended by Chapter 1005, Statutes of 1999 (AB 1658) which specified that funding for the Public Utilities Commission Ratepayer Advocate Account would be transferred annually through the Budget Act from the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account. In addition, the fund was set to be repealed as of 01/01/2002. However, Chapter 440, Statutes of 2001 (SB 201) re-established the fund.		