

**RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE**

A.R.S. § 40-461

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**Residential Utility Consumer Office  
Revolving Fund****FY 1998  
Actual****FY 1999  
Estimate****FY 2000  
Approved****FY 2001  
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FTE Positions	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Personal Services	454,300	549,800	570,000	581,400
Employee Related Expenditures	80,200	106,300	101,900	106,200
Professional and Outside Services	6,400	0	0	0
Travel - In State	8,600	10,000	10,000	10,000
Travel - Out of State	3,400	4,600	4,600	4,600
Other Operating Expenditures	120,700	109,800	162,500	167,400
Equipment	55,800	9,600	0	0
<b>Operating Subtotal</b>	<b>729,400</b>	<b>790,100</b>	<b>849,000</b>	<b>869,600</b>
Professional Witnesses	10,000	155,000	145,000 <sup>1/</sup>	145,000 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>739,400</b>	<b>945,100</b>	<b>994,000<sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>1,014,600<sup>2/</sup></b>

**Agency Description** — *The Residential Utility Consumer Office (RUCO) serves as an advocate for residential customers of public utilities in rate hearings held before the Arizona Corporation Commission. Through its technical staff and expert consultants, RUCO analyzes utility company data to determine appropriate positions to take and present on behalf of residential rate payers. The RUCO Director is appointed by the Governor and is advised by a 5-member citizen board.*

**Public Education Campaign** — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$50,000 for a public education campaign on retail electricity deregulation. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

**Equipment** — The approved amount includes a one-time FY 2000 reduction of \$(9,600) due to a one-time equipment purchase in FY 1999.

**Professional Witnesses** — Monies in this Special Line Item are used to hire court reporters and witnesses who study the utilities and provide expert testimony at rate hearings.

<sup>1/</sup> This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

<sup>2/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.