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**From:** Gallion, Joshua C.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2011 9:49 AM  
**To:** Chamberlin, Sara E.  
**Cc:** Hamre, John G.  
**Subject:** FW: Executive Budget Analysis Questions  
**Attachments:** Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds.xlsx; Letter re stimulus.pdf

Sara,

Here is our response to the below request. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,  
Josh Gallion

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**From:** Chamberlin, Sara E.  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2011 2:07 PM  
**To:** Gallion, Joshua C.  
**Subject:** Executive Budget Analysis Questions

Hello,

Can you help me with a legislative request regarding federal fiscal funds carryover into the 2011-13 biennium? In the attached worksheet I have listed the fiscal funding for your agency, can you provide the following:

1. Programs being continued with ARRA funding (please provide the full name of the program versus abbreviated)
2. The purpose of the programs
3. State if there is flexibility to use funds for a purpose that is being paid by state funds in the executive budget.

Please let me know if you need clarification regarding this request. If possible please try to provide this information by Monday.

Thanks,  
Sara

**Sara E. Chamberlin**  
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Re: Executive Budget Analysis Questions – Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds

Dear Ms. Chamberlin:

Enclosed is our response to the Executive Budget Analysis question regarding Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds sent on January 14, 2011. Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Gallion".

Josh Gallion  
Accounting/Budget Specialist

w/encl: Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds.xlsx

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2011-13 Executive Budget</b>	<b>Programs being continued with ARRA funding in 2011-13</b>
Public Service Commission	658,217	State Electricity Regulators Assistance

**Purpose of Programs**

**Is there flexibility to use funds for a purpose that is being paid by state funds in the executive budget?**

To improve the capacity of the commission to efficiently regulate and oversee the modernization and development of the electric transmission and generation infrastructure. To provide resources and training to handle the increase in transmission and generation siting cases as well as increased participation in the regional planning and development of needed transmission facilities. To provide expertise and resources necessary to develop better rules, laws and other regulatory actions.

Absolutely not. The grant program specifically prohibits the use of funds for traditionally funded programs. The funds can only be used to increase the capacity of the commission in dealing with electric issues and cannot be used to offset or replace state budgets in any way.