

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY WILSON, JULY 10, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS,
JULY 10, 1979

In the House of Representatives, July 10, 1979

1 WHEREAS, There are several gas and electric utility companies
2 servicing Pennsylvania and surrounding states; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a growing public concern over gas and
4 electric rates; and

5 WHEREAS, The gas and electric companies servicing surrounding
6 states, as well as Pennsylvania, are governed both by the Public
7 Utility Commission and by comparable bodies in the surrounding
8 states; and

9 WHEREAS, The prices paid by utilities purchasing gas and
10 electricity on a wholesale basis are regulated by the Federal
11 Energy Regulatory Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, The gas and electric rates charged the consumers in
13 Pennsylvania and consumers in adjoining states serviced by the
14 same utility are not the same; and

15 WHEREAS, There is great concern being expressed by the public
16 and government over the efficient and economical utilization of
17 energy; and

1 WHEREAS, The impact of energy economics coupled with
2 environmental concerns of the different jurisdictions is much
3 greater in the case of utilities and a utility power pooling
4 grid system servicing two or more jurisdictions; and

5 WHEREAS, Uniformity of regulations would insure tighter
6 control and more equitable rates; and

7 WHEREAS, The energy crisis, economic issues and environmental
8 issues must be a priority for all states; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the House of
10 Representatives hereby memorializes the Congress of the United
11 States to initiate the establishment of an intra-state Public
12 Utility Advisory Commission to be composed of representatives of
13 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and from the state
14 governments of the surrounding states of New York, New Jersey,
15 Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Ohio; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the advisory commission shall consist of two
17 members chosen from each state by the state's legislature or
18 governing body and one member to be chosen by the Federal Energy
19 Regulatory Commission; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the purpose of the advisory commission is to
21 study and make a recommendation to the participating state
22 legislatures or governing bodies by January 1, 1981 as to the
23 need and feasibility of establishing means by which individual
24 jurisdictions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can
25 coordinate the regulation of multi-jurisdictional utilities,
26 including coordinating committees, joint regulatory proceedings
27 and an interstate compact creating one or more multi-
28 jurisdictional utility regulatory agencies; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the President pro tempore of the Senate and to the Speaker of

1 the House of Representatives.