

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the General Assembly to assist certain states and
2 agencies in the establishment of an Interstate Public Utility
3 Advisory Commission, and providing the appointment of two
4 commissioners from the Commonwealth.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Interstate
9 Public Utility Advisory Commission Act."

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
13 meanings given to them in this section:

14 "Commission." The Interstate Public Utility Advisory
15 Commission.

16 "Public utility." Any person, firm or corporation engaged in
17 the interstate sale of electricity or natural or artificial gas
18 and which is regulated by the Public Utility Commission or

1 comparable body of any state.

2 "State." Those states enumerated in section 3, including the
3 District of Columbia.

4 Section 3. Authorization.

5 The General Assembly is hereby authorized to assist the
6 following states and agencies in the establishment of an
7 Interstate Public Utility Advisory Commission:

8 (1) The District of Columbia.

9 (2) Delaware.

10 (3) Maryland.

11 (4) New Jersey.

12 (5) Ohio.

13 (6) Virginia.

14 (7) West Virginia.

15 (8) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

16 Section 4. Composition.

17 The commission shall consist of two members from each state
18 chosen by the state's legislature or governing body, and one
19 member chosen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

20 Section 5. Purpose and report.

21 (a) Purpose.--The purpose of the commission shall be to
22 study the need and feasibility of establishing means by which
23 individual states and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
24 can coordinate the regulation of public utilities, including but
25 not limited to, coordinating committees, joint regulatory
26 proceedings or the establishment of an interstate compact
27 creating one or more multijurisdictional utility regulatory
28 agencies, the ultimate purpose of which is to coordinate the gas
29 and electric rates charged by public utilities and to coordinate
30 the use of energy by public utilities to insure a fair and

1 adequate supply.

2 (b) Report.--The commission shall give its report and
3 recommendations to the participating state legislatures or
4 governing bodies by January 1, 1983.

5 Section 6. Compensation.

6 The members of the commission appointed by the Commonwealth
7 shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to all
8 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official
9 duties.

10 Section 7. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect immediately.