

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 3, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, granting the commission power to
3 designate economic incentive areas.

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

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 514. Economic incentive areas; rates.

9 (a) Economic incentive; rates.--The commission shall, in
10 consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Commerce
11 have power to:

12 (1) Designate as economic incentive areas, specific
13 areas in which reduced economic activity, unemployment and
14 underutilization of utility facilities justifies the approval
15 of reduced incentive rates for utility services and to
16 promulgate criteria for identifying the areas and customers
17 eligible for the rates. Upon application of a utility
18 corporation the commission shall authorize special economic

1 incentive rates in the areas to the customers and for the
2 periods of time as the commission finds will best effectuate
3 the purposes of this section. The commission may also provide
4 for the gradual elimination of the rate reduction authorized
5 and the elimination of the reduction, if any conditions
6 imposed by the commission are not met.

7 (2) Designate or form classes of customers as
8 appropriate for special rates or tariffs, in order to prevent
9 loss of customers, or to attract new customers where
10 necessary to maintain economic use of utility facilities.

11 Any special rate or tariff shall be so designed as to recover
12 the incremental cost of providing service to the customers and
13 to contribute to the common costs which otherwise would be borne
14 by other customers.

15 (b) Contracts.--The commission may also authorize utility
16 corporations to contract with existing or prospective industrial
17 and commercial customers to wheel or deliver electricity or gas
18 purchased directly by the customers, provided that the
19 commission finds that the arrangements are in the overall best
20 interest of the ratepayers of the corporation and that the rates
21 and fees for the services provided adequately compensate the
22 corporation for the use of its facilities.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.