

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 876

Session of 1983

INTRODUCED BY TILGHMAN, JUNE 22, 1983

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 6, 1983

AN ACT

1 ~~Making an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within~~ <—
2 ~~the General Fund to the Public Utility Commission.~~

3 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM A RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN <—
4 THE GENERAL FUND AND FROM FEDERAL AUGMENTATION FUNDS TO THE
5 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION.

6 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

7 HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

8 ~~SECTION 1. THE SUM OF \$20,543,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY~~ <—
9 ~~BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED FROM THE RESTRICTED REVENUE~~
10 ~~ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION~~
11 ~~FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984, TO PROVIDE~~
12 ~~FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION.~~

13 ~~SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 1983 OR, IF~~
14 ~~ENACTED SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DATE, THEN IMMEDIATELY.~~

15 SECTION 1. THE FOLLOWING SUMS, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE <—
16 NECESSARY, ARE HEREBY SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE
17 RESTRICTED REVENUE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND FROM
18 FEDERAL AUGMENTATION FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO

1 PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL
2 PERIOD JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984, FOR THE PURPOSES AND IN
3 THE AMOUNTS SHOWN:

4 (1) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES
5 AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE
6 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC
7 UTILITY COMMISSION INCLUDING THE
8 CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS, OFFICE
9 OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,
10 BUREAU OF PUBLIC INFORMATION,
11 OFFICE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANTS,
12 OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
13 AND THE SECRETARY'S BUREAU.

14 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 6,215,000

15 (2) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES
16 AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE
17 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE
18 OFFICES OF COUNSEL AND
19 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.

20 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 4,667,000

21 (3) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES
22 AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR THE
23 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF RATES,
24 RESEARCH AND TRANSPORTATION
25 INCLUDING THE BUREAU OF
26 CONSERVATION, ECONOMICS AND ENERGY
27 PLANNING, BUREAU OF NONRAIL
28 TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF RAIL
29 TRANSPORTATION AND THE BUREAU OF
30 RATES.

1 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 5,826,000
2 (4) (I) FOR THE SALARIES,
3 WAGES AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES
4 FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF
5 INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT
6 INCLUDING THE BUREAU OF AUDITS AND
7 THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND
8 COMPLIANCE. FUNDS FROM THIS
9 APPROPRIATION SHALL BE USED TO
10 INITIATE AUDIT SURVEILLANCE OF
11 MAJOR UTILITY CONSTRUCTION
12 PROJECTS.

13 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 4,483,000
14 (II) THE FOLLOWING FEDERAL
15 AUGMENTATION AMOUNTS, OR AS
16 MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE
17 NECESSARY, ARE HEREBY
18 SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED TO
19 SUPPLEMENT THE SUM AUTHORIZED
20 TO BE BILLED TO UTILITIES FOR
21 THE OPERATION OF THE
22 COMMISSION:

23 (A) "NATURAL GAS
24 PIPELINE SAFETY" - TO
25 ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS OF
26 THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE
27 SAFETY ACT.
28 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 133,000

29 (B) "RAILROAD SAFETY"
30 - FOR SAFETY INSPECTORS TO

1 SURVEY AND PATROL OVER
2 14,000 MILES OF TRACKAGE TO
3 ELIMINATE DERAILMENT AND
4 PROVIDE SAFE RAIL TRAVEL.
5 FEDERAL APPROPRIATION..... 225,000

6 (III) ANY FEDERAL FUNDS
7 WHICH THE PUBLIC UTILITY
8 COMMISSION RECEIVES PURSUANT TO
9 THESE APPROPRIATIONS SHALL NOT
10 BE CREATED TO ANY UTILITY NOR
11 USED TO LOWER THE ANNUAL
12 ASSESSMENT OF ANY UTILITY.

13 (5) FOR THE SALARIES, WAGES
14 AND ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR
15 PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUREAU
16 OF CONSUMER SERVICES. FUNDS FROM
17 THIS APPROPRIATION SHALL BE USED TO
18 SECURE EQUIPMENT AND ADEQUATE
19 TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT STAFF TO
20 MAINTAIN A REASONABLE COMPLETION
21 RATE ON THE TOLL FREE TELEPHONE
22 LINES INTO THIS BUREAU. A
23 REASONABLE COMPLETION RATE SHALL BE
24 A RATE WHERE, ON A MONTHLY AVERAGE,
25 AT LEAST 20% OF ALL CALLS TO THE
26 BUREAU ARE COMPLETED. PROGRESS
27 TOWARD THIS GOAL SHALL BE REPORTED
28 TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE
29 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF THE
30 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

1 ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

2 STATE APPROPRIATION..... 1,488,000

3 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.