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O'CONNELL AND KELLEY, MARCH 5, 1984

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
MARCH 5, 1984

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting false reports relating to certain disasters and to
2 the operation of power generating facilities; and fixing
3 penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
8 Utility Misinformation Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Agency." A branch office or regional office operated by the
14 agency.

15 Section 3. False reports.

16 (a) Emergencies.--An individual commits a felony of the
17 second degree if the individual knowingly provides false

1 information to any State agency or political subdivision during
2 the occurrence of or relating to a disaster as defined in 35
3 Pa.C.S. Part V (relating to emergency management services).

4 (b) Power generating facilities.--An individual commits a
5 felony of the second degree if the individual knowingly provides
6 false information to any agency of the Federal or State
7 government relating to or regarding any aspect of the operation
8 of a power generating facility which may adversely affect the
9 health, welfare or safety of the residents of Pennsylvania.

10 (c) Operation of facility after false report.--An individual
11 commits a felony of the second degree if the individual operates
12 any power generating facility after providing false information
13 which is prohibited by subsection (a) or (b). For purposes of
14 this subsection, the time within which an action must be
15 commenced by a prosecuting authority shall be computed from the
16 time at which the falsity of the information provided is
17 discovered.

18 (d) Conspiracy.--An individual commits a felony of the third
19 degree if the individual agrees with another individual or
20 individuals to engage in any conduct prohibited by subsection
21 (a), (b) or (c) or agrees to aid, assist or abet another
22 individual or individuals in planning, attempting or
23 solicitation to attempt such conduct as prohibited by subsection
24 (a), (b) or (c).

25 (e) Penalties.--

26 (1) An individual who is guilty of violating subsection
27 (a), (b) or (c) shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than
28 \$10,000 or imprisonment of not less than six years, or both.

29 (2) An individual who is guilty of violating subsection
30 (d) shall be sentenced to a fine of not less than \$5,000 or

- 1 imprisonment of not less than two years, or both.
- 2 Section 4. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect in 60 days.