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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 § 520. Economic incentive areas and rates.

9 (a) General rule.--The commission shall, in consultation
10 with the Department of Commerce, have power to:

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

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

6 (2) Designate or form classes of customers as
7 appropriate for special rates or tariffs, in order to prevent
8 loss of customers or to attract new customers where necessary
9 to maintain economic use of utility facilities. Any special
10 rate or tariff shall be so designed as to recover the
11 incremental cost of providing service to the customers and to
12 contribute to the common costs which otherwise would be borne
13 by other customers.

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

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.