
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY LaGROTTA, STEIGHNER, KOSINSKI, MELIO, SCRIMENTI,
B. SMITH AND JOHNSON, MARCH 30, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MARCH 30, 1992

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from
2 approving agreements involving the exportation of certain
3 electrical energy supplies until a detailed study is
4 conducted.

5 The General Assembly finds that:

6 (1) Energy consumption in western Pennsylvania has
7 increased at an unforeseen rate, passing levels that were not
8 anticipated by utility projections until 1995-1996.

9 (2) Median growth projections of utility companies
10 located in western Pennsylvania fall between 1.2% and 1.7%
11 per year.

12 (3) Actual energy consumption has increased yearly by an
13 average of 2.7%, even though the area has been unable to pull
14 out of the nationwide recession.

15 (4) At the present rate of increase, western
16 Pennsylvania's energy consumption will surpass its existing
17 on-line production capabilities by the end of this decade.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 Section 1. Approval of electrical service needs.

3 The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission may not approve
4 agreements that involve the exportation of this Commonwealth's
5 on-line or surplus electrical energy supply until a detailed
6 study of future electricity needs for service areas of the
7 utilities involved in the agreements is authorized by the
8 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and carried out by
9 independent analysts with all consultants being selected by the
10 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and paid for by the
11 utilities involved in the project.

12 Section 2. Approval of studies.

13 The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission shall approve all
14 completed studies regarding the Commonwealth's on-line or
15 surplus electrical energy supply.

16 Section 3. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.