

(6) To investigate those policies of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) which in aggregate tend to eliminate, rather than emulate, market disciplines, including:

(i) FERC's interpretation of what constitutes "fraud or abuse";

(ii) Filing, disclosure or certification of contracts for the purchase of natural gas by jurisdictional pipeline transmission companies;

(iii) Purchased gas adjustment clause policy;

(iv) Prepayments policy;

(v) Rate design;

(vi) Off-system sales policy; and

(vii) Interstate pipeline affiliate natural gas production; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is requested to conduct a public hearing in Maryland on natural gas pricing policies; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, That the Executive and Legislative Branches of the government of the State of Maryland commit themselves to fully support the Public Service Commission and the People's Counsel and to provide the resources reasonably necessary to their advocacy for just and reasonable, competitively established prices for natural gas, and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Capital, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., Senate Majority Leader, The Capital, Washington, D.C. 20515; Frank O. Heintz, Chairman, Public Service Commission and John K. Keane, Jr., Maryland People's Counsel, American Building, 231 East Baltimore Street, Ninth Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; and Charles M. Butler, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 N. Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

Signed May 10, 1983.

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