

WHEREAS, The prices paid by utilities purchasing gas and electricity on a wholesale basis are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, The gas and electric rates charged the consumers in Maryland and the consumers in the adjoining state serviced by the same utility are not the same; and

WHEREAS, There is a great concern being expressed by the public and government over the efficient and economical utilization of energy; and

WHEREAS, The impact of energy economics coupled with environmental concerns of the different jurisdictions is much greater in the case of utilities and a utility power pooling grid system servicing two or more jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Uniformity of regulations would insure tighter control and more equitable rates; and

WHEREAS, The energy crisis, economic issues, and environmental issues must be a priority for all states; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates are requested to initiate the establishment of an Interstate Public ~~Service Commission~~ Utility Advisory Committee Commission with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the legislatures or governing bodies of the adjoining states surrounding jurisdictions of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee Commission shall consist of ~~42 members~~, two members chosen from each state jurisdiction by the state's legislature or governing body and one chosen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the purpose of the Advisory Committee Commission is to study and make a recommendation to the participating state legislatures or governing bodies, by January 1, 1981, as to the need and feasibility of establishing means by which individual jurisdictions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can coordinate the regulation of multi-jurisdictional utilities, including coordinating committees, joint regulatory proceedings, and an interstate compact creating one or more multistate multi-jurisdictional utility regulatory agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.