

HOUSE BILL 452

IN THE HOUSE

January 29, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 30, 1979	Rereferred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 9, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
February 12, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 13, 1979	Second reading, as amended.
February 15, 1979	Correctly engrossed.
February 16, 1979	Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 17, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill, as amended.
March 16, 1979	Motion pass consideration until March 19, 1979.
March 19, 1979	Objection.
March 20, 1979	Second reading, concurred.
March 23, 1979	Third reading, as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 24, 1979	Returned from Senate.
March 26, 1979	On motion, consideration passed until the 71st Legislative day.
March 29, 1979	Second reading, amendments adopted.

GOVERNOR

April 5, 1979	Delivered to Governor.
April 10, 1979	Veto.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 75-20-202, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-20-202. Exemptions. (1) This chapter does not apply to a facility over which an agency of the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction. *Same*

(2) A certificate is not required under this chapter for a facility under diligent onsite physical construction or in operation on January 1, 1973.

(3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, as amended, and any other state law to the contrary, a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under the provisions of this chapter, as amended, is not required for the construction of electric generating facilities and associated facilities, including transmission lines, which have been the subject of

1 administrative hearings commenced prior to January 1, 1979.
2 under this chapter.

3 (b) The operation of such electric generating
4 facilities and associated facilities, including transmission
5 lines, shall comply with applicable state and federal laws,
6 regulations, standards, and implementation plans for air and
7 water quality and permits issued pursuant to them.

8 (3)(4) The board may adopt reasonable rules
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10 relocation, reconstruction, or upgrading of a facility that
11 would otherwise be covered by this chapter and that is
12 unlikely to have a significant environmental impact by
13 reason of length, size, location, available space or
14 right-of-way, or construction methods."

15 Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on
16 passage and approval.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 452

2 INTRODUCED BY CONROY, SCULLY, QUILICI, RAMIREZ,
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20 FOR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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3 [this act] is to validate, ratify, and approve any
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6 for electric generating facilities and associated facilities
7 that have been the subject of an administrative hearing that
8 commenced prior to January 1, 1979, so that no further
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10 courts of the state under the Montana Major Facility Siting
11 Act are required prior to commencement of construction of
12 such facilities and associated facilities. It is also the
13 purpose of [this act] to require any applicant who has
14 received a certificate of environmental compatibility and
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 15 ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WHICH COMMENCED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,
 16 1979, UNDER THIS CHAPTER IS RATIFIED AND APPROVED.

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THIRD READING

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March 13, 1979

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Business & Industry)

That House Bill No. 452 be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 16.

Following: "ACT"

Strike: "BY"

2. Title, lines 17 through 20.

Following: "CERTAIN"

Strike: the remainder of line 17 through "CONSERVATION" on line 20

Insert: "TO CURE ANY POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCY IN THE HEARING PROCESS"

3. Title, lines 23 and 24.

Following: "1979," on line 23

Strike: the remainder of line 23 through "TO" on line 24

Insert: "BY PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED BY ANY"

4. Title, line 24.

Following: "PROCEDURAL"

Strike: "DEFICIENCIES"

Insert: "DEFICIENCY"

Following: ";"

Insert: "PROVIDING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SUCH FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATE AS ORIGINALLY ISSUED OR AS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATE ARE AMENDED PURSUANT TO THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES OF THE MONTANA MAJOR FACILITY SITING ACT;"

5. Page 2, line 5.

Following: "to"

Strike: "validate, ratify, and approve"

Insert: "cure any possible procedural deficiency in the hearing process for electric generating facilities and associated facilities that have been the subject of an administrative hearing that commenced prior to January 1, 1979, by validating, ratifying, and approving"

6. Page 2, line 7.

Following: line 6

Strike: "WHICH HAS BEEN"

7. Page 2, line 8.

Following: "for"

Insert: "such"

8. Page 2, lines 9 through 12.

Following: "facilities" on line 9

Strike: the remainder of line 9 through "PROCESS" on line 12

9. Page 2, line 15.

Following: "required"

Insert: "for procedural reasons"

10. Page 2, line 24.

Following: "certificate"

Insert: "as issued or as amended pursuant to the amendment procedures of the Montana Major Facility Siting Act

11. Page 3, line 17.

Following: "ASSOCIATED FACILITIES"

Strike: "WHICH HAS BEEN"

12. Page 3, lines 20 and 21.

Following: "WHICH" on line 20

Strike: the remainder of line 20 and line 21 in its entirety

Insert: "may be affected by any"

13. Page 3, line 22.

Following: "PROCEDURAL"

Strike: "DEFECTS"

Insert: "defect"

14. Page 4, line 3.

Following: "them"

Insert: "The operation of such electric generating facilities and associated facilities shall comply with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, standards, and implementation plans for air and water quality and permits issued pursuant to them."

15. Page 4, line 6.

Following: "CERTIFICATE"

Insert: "as originally issued or as amended pursuant to the amendment procedures of this chapter"

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THOMAS L. JUDGE
GOVERNOR

April 10, 1979

The Honorable William Mathers
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59601

The Honorable Harold Gerke
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear President Mathers and Speaker Gerke:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby veto House Bill No. 452, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-20-202, MCA, OF THE MONTANA MAJOR FACILITY SITING ACT TO CURE ANY POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCY IN THE HEARING PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING THAT COMMENCED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1979, BY PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATABILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED BY ANY PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCY IN THE HEARING PROCESS; PROVIDING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SUCH FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATE AS ORIGINALLY ISSUED OR AS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CERTIFICATE ARE AMENDED PURSUANT TO THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES OF THE MONTANA MAJOR FACILITY SITING ACT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

House Bill No. 452 is special legislation. I have not, and will not, lend the authority of this office to extend special privilege to the Montana Power Company or to anyone else. True equality may be an impossibility, but legislated inequality is intolerable.

This bill seeks to circumvent the duly established processes of law and it proposes to avoid pending judicial action.

House Bill No. 452 is a hybrid piece of legislation intended to cure, validate and circumvent, but it may ultimately only guarantee a new round of litigation and consequent delay.

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Our energy needs in this state and this region are critical and I continue to support the construction of Colstrip 3 and 4. I appreciate, and I share, the justifiable frustration of members of this legislature, and the public we all represent, as they view the seemingly endless process for certification of Colstrip 3 and 4. That unwieldy and expensive process needs revision and I have proposed legislation that would streamline the major facility siting act.

Six years is too long, but House Bill No. 452 is not the answer. It subverts the process, interferes with judicial decision making, adds new confusion, and virtually guarantees new litigation. House Bill No. 452, if passed will be counterproductive. This legislation raises the most complex legal issues in an attempt to cure past procedural errors. It raises issues of definition over which lawyers will argue and the courts will mull for years to come. It raises the spectre of unknown constitutional questions. It is legislation special in nature, curative in design, confusing in legal contemplation and sure to generate delay.

Signing House Bill No. 452 would be a disservice to the people of Montana and to the accepted processes of state government, and to the energy needs of this state ... any one of those reasons require rejection of this bill; taken together they are a command to veto.

For these reasons, I veto House Bill No. 452.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Judge

THOMAS L. JUDGE
Governor

cc: The Honorable Frank Murray