

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *16*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Turner, B. Brown, K. et al*
3 BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND
4 INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PUBLIC
8 SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION, MONITOR,
9 AND OVERSEE LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
10 IN THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ENSURE THAT MONTANANS WILL NOT
11 FACE FURTHER FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO ABANDONMENT
12 OF POWER PROJECTS THAT RESULT IN RATE INCREASES.
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14 WHEREAS, a number of public utilities in Washington and
15 Oregon have had serious financial difficulties related to
16 proposed construction of five nuclear-power-generating
17 facilities for the Washington Public Power Supply System;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, two of the proposed power-generating
20 facilities have been abandoned and one is on hold; and

21 WHEREAS, the abandonment of the Pebble Springs Nuclear
22 Project in Oregon probably will have a direct effect upon
23 Montana customers of the Pacific Power and Light Company;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Pacific Power and Light Company has asked

1 the Montana Public Service Commission for rate increases
2 that total \$970,000 in additional revenue for each of the
3 next 5 years to amortize losses associated with the
4 abandoned Pebble Springs Nuclear Power Project; and

5 WHEREAS, such a rate increase would result in a 10.6%
6 increase in electricity costs for more than 27,000 Montanans
7 in the northwestern part of the state.
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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
10 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 That the Legislature urges the Montana Public Service
12 Commission to monitor and oversee requests for long-term
13 debt obligations to prevent unnecessary rate increases due
14 to abandonment or delay in completion of power generation
15 facilities.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the
17 Public Service Commission to require Commission approval for
18 the issuance of long-term debt obligations that could result
19 in increased rates to customers for electricity.

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Approved by Committee
on Business and Industry

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16
INTRODUCED BY TURNAGE, B. BROWN, KOLSTAD
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION, MONITOR,
AND OVERSEE LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO NUCLEAR
POWER GENERATING FACILITIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE STATE
OF MONTANA TO ENSURE THAT MONTANANS WILL NOT FACE FURTHER
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO ABANDONMENT OF POWER
PROJECTS THAT RESULT IN RATE INCREASES.

WHEREAS, a number of public utilities in Washington and
Oregon have had serious financial difficulties related to
proposed construction of five nuclear-power-generating
facilities for the Washington Public Power Supply System;
and

WHEREAS, two of the proposed power-generating
facilities have been abandoned and one is on hold; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of the Pebble Springs Nuclear
Project in Oregon probably will have a direct effect upon
Montana customers of the Pacific Power and Light Company;
and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Power and Light Company has asked
the Montana Public Service Commission for rate increases
that total \$970,000 in additional revenue for each of the
next 5 years to amortize losses associated with the
abandoned Pebble Springs Nuclear Power Project; and

WHEREAS, such a rate increase would result in a 10.6%
increase in electricity costs for more than 27,000 Montanans
in the northwestern part of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislature urges the Montana Public Service
Commission to monitor and oversee requests for long-term
debt obligations RELATING TO NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING
FACILITIES to prevent unnecessary rate increases due to
abandonment or delay in completion of power generation
facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the
Public Service Commission to require Commission approval for
the issuance of long-term debt obligations RELATING TO
NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES that could result in
increased rates to customers for electricity.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION, MONITOR, AND OVERSEE LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ENSURE THAT MONTANANS WILL NOT FACE FURTHER FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO ABANDONMENT OF POWER PROJECTS THAT RESULT IN RATE INCREASES.

WHEREAS, a number of public utilities in Washington and Oregon have had serious financial difficulties related to proposed construction of five nuclear-power-generating facilities for the Washington Public Power Supply System; and

WHEREAS, two of the proposed power-generating facilities have been abandoned and one is on hold; and

WHEREAS, the abandonment of the Pebble Springs Nuclear Project in Oregon probably will have a direct effect upon Montana customers of the Pacific Power and Light Company; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Power and Light Company has asked the Montana Public Service Commission for rate increases that total \$970,000 in additional revenue for each of the next 5 years to amortize losses associated with the abandoned Pebble Springs Nuclear Power Project; and

WHEREAS, such a rate increase would result in a 10.6% increase in electricity costs for more than 27,000 Montanans in the northwestern part of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislature urges the Montana Public Service Commission to monitor and oversee requests for long-term debt obligations RELATING TO NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES to prevent unnecessary rate increases due to abandonment or delay in completion of power generation facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the Public Service Commission to require Commission approval for the issuance of long-term debt obligations RELATING TO NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING FACILITIES that could result in increased rates to customers for electricity.

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