SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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nate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 1 2 BY REQUEST/OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND 3

INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

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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 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.

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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

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WHEREAS, two of the proposed power-generating 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 Montana customers of the Pacific Power and Light Company;

24 and

WHEREAS: the Pacific Power and Light Company has asked

Ł the Montana Public Service Commission for rate increases

that total \$970,000 in additional revenue for each of the

3 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

7 in the northwestern part of the state.

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

to abandonment or delay in completion of power generation 14

facilities. 15

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the

Public Service Commission to require Commission approval for 17

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

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 2 INTRODUCED BY TURNAGE. B. BROWN. KOLSTAD BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND 3 INDUSTRY COMMITTEE 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PUBLIC 7 SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION. MONITOR. 9 AND OVERSEE LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING EACILITIES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN THE STATE 10 OF MONTANA TO ENSURE THAT MONTANANS WILL NOT FACE FURTHER 11 12 FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO ABANDONMENT OF POWER 13 PROJECTS THAT RESULT IN RATE INCREASES. 14 15 WHEREAS, a number of public utilities in Washington and 16 Oregon have had serious financial difficulties related to 17 proposed construction of five nuclear-power-generating 18 facilities for the Washington Public Power Supply System; 19 and 20 WHEREAS: two of the proposed power-generating 21 facilities have been abandoned and one is on hold; and 22 WHEREAS, the abandonment of the Pebble Springs Nuclear 23 Project in Oregon probably will have a direct effect upon 24 Montana customers of the Pacific Power and Light Company; 25 and

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