

House Bill 272

By: Representatives Snow of the 2nd, Burkhalter of the 41st, Day of the 153rd, Barnard of the 154th, Hudson of the 120th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-4-160 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 authority of the Public Service Commission with respect to marketers of natural gas, so as
3 to provide that the commission shall not allow the price at which the marketer sells gas to a
4 retail customer to include any pipeline fees or charges during any months in which the retail
5 customer is not purchasing or receiving gas or in which the cost of the gas consumed by the
6 customer without any pipeline fees or charges is less than the amount of the pipeline fees or
7 charges; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 46-4-160 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the authority
11 of the Public Service Commission with respect to marketers of natural gas, is amended by
12 striking subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read
13 as follows:

14 "(c) A marketer shall not refuse to sell gas to a potential firm retail customer within the
15 territory covered by the marketer's certificate of authority if the sale can be made by the
16 marketer pursuant to the rules for service authorized by the marketer's certificate of
17 authority and upon terms that will provide the marketer with just and adequate
18 compensation. The price at which a marketer sells gas shall not be fixed by the
19 commission; provided, however, that on and after the effective date of this subsection, the
20 commission shall not allow the price at which the marketer sells gas to a retail customer
21 to include any pipeline fees or charges during any months in which the retail customer is
22 not purchasing or receiving gas or in which the cost of the gas consumed by the customer
23 without any pipeline fees or charges is less than the amount of the pipeline fees or charges."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
26 without such approval.

1

SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.