

House Resolution 399

By: Representatives Lucas of the 105th, Rogers of the 20th, Skipper of the 116th, Wix of the 33rd, Post 1, Burkhalter of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission not to adopt its proposed rules for
2 standard market design of electricity markets; urging Congress to take such steps as are
3 necessary to assure that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission not adopt its proposed
4 rules for standard market design; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, on July 31, 2002, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a Notice
6 of Proposed Rulemaking proposing a standard market design for the operation of all electric
7 transmission systems on a regional basis by an operator independent of the electric utilities;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the adoption of the standard market design could cause the costs of electricity
10 to rise in Georgia while jeopardizing the reliability of the systems our citizens enjoy; and

11 WHEREAS, the cost of electric service to Georgians is far below the national average; and

12 WHEREAS, Georgia's electric system is among the most reliable in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's electric transmission system has no major transmission bottlenecks
14 which impair reliability or increase costs for retail customers in our state or other states in
15 the region; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia's integrated electric system, owned and operated by investor owned
17 utilities, electric membership corporations, and municipal systems is technically and
18 financially sound and has provided the infrastructure and planning needed to serve the people
19 in our state now and for the future; and

20 WHEREAS, a cost benefit study authorized by the Southeastern Association of Regulatory
21 Utility Commissioners, including our Georgia Public Service Commission, indicated that

1 Georgia and other southeastern states would be paying more under standard market design
2 as proposed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, the adoption of standard market design would likely result in a dispute between
4 the state of Georgia and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission over the jurisdiction of
5 the state to regulate the rates, terms, and conditions of retail electric service provided to the
6 citizens of Georgia.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is urged not to adopt its proposed rules for
9 standard market design for electricity markets; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States of America is urged
11 to review and consider the position of the State of Georgia on this issue and take such action
12 as is necessary to assure that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission not adopt its
13 proposed rules for standard market design;

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Pat Wood, chairman, and
16 the Honorable William L. Massey and the Honorable Nora Mead Brownell, commissioners
17 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; the President of the United States; the
18 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the President Pro Tempore of the
19 United States Senate; the chairman of the United States Senate Energy Committee; the
20 chairman of the United States House of Representatives Commerce Committee; the Georgia
21 congressional delegation; and the Commissioners of the Georgia Public Service Commission.