

Senate Resolution 276

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Bulloch of the 11th, Hamrick of the 30th, Thomas of the 54th, Mullis of the 53rd 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 and 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 in the future; and

20 WHEREAS, the adoption of Standard Market Design would likely result in a dispute
21 between the State of Georgia and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission over the

1 jurisdiction of the state to regulate the rates, terms, and conditions of retail electric service
2 provided to the citizens of Georgia.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Federal Energy
4 Regulatory Commission is urged not to adopt its proposed rules for Standard Market Design
5 for electricity markets.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of the United States of America is urged
7 to review and consider the position of the State of Georgia on this issue and take such action
8 as is necessary to assure that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission not adopt its
9 proposed rules for Standard Market Design.

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