

House Bill 1514

By: Representatives Snow of the 1st, Barnard of the 121st, Post 1, Stokes of the 72nd, Butler of the 88th, Post 1, Stoner of the 34th, Post 1, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 distribution, storage, and sale of gas, so as to change certain provisions relating to legislative
3 findings relative to natural gas competition and deregulation; to change certain provisions
4 relating to the establishment of rates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the distribution,
9 storage, and sale of gas, is amended in Code Section 46-4-151, relating to legislative findings
10 and intent and a bill of rights for consumers relative to natural gas competition and
11 deregulation, by striking paragraph (7) of subsection (b) and inserting in its place the
12 following:

13 "(7) Provide for a rate-making method ~~methods~~ method which the General Assembly finds
14 appropriate for the provision of natural gas services, ~~including without limitation the use~~
15 ~~of straight fixed variable rate design~~, the recovery of certain stranded costs, and the use
16 of alternative forms of rate regulation;"

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 46-4-154, relating to notice of election,
19 unbundling, rates, application requirements, and surcharge on interruptibles, by striking
20 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and inserting in its place the following:

21 "(2) After notice and hearing, establish rates for firm distribution service using a
22 ~~reasonable method of rate design, which may, at the commission's discretion, include a~~
23 ~~straight fixed variable method of rate design~~ declining block structure volumetric design;
24 provided, however, that a consumer shall not be required to pay a fee for distribution
25 service during any billing period when the consumer's meter is turned off; and provided,

1 further, that ~~the~~ this method of rate design ~~selected by the commission~~ shall provide for
2 recovery of the revenue requirements of the electing distribution company;”.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.