

House Bill 1326

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the jurisdiction, powers, and duties, generally, of the Georgia Public Service  
3 Commission, so as to provide that the certain costs sustained by the commission shall be  
4 charged to the involved utility; to provide that such cost may be included in any approved  
5 rate increase; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
9 jurisdiction, powers, and duties, generally, of the Georgia Public Service Commission, is  
10 amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "46-2-33.

12 The cost to the commission of providing specialized testimony and assistance in auditing  
13 or monitoring a regulated industry, including without limitation monitoring nuclear power  
14 costs, conducting utility rate cases, processing fuel cost recovery cases, auditing utility  
15 affiliates, and reviewing telecommunications earnings, shall be charged to the affected  
16 utility. If an order is issued in such proceeding, such charge shall be stated in the order.  
17 If a rate increase is allowed in a utility rate case, the utility shall be authorized to recoup  
18 such expense by adding it to the rate increase; otherwise, such charge shall not be passed  
19 on the utility's consumers."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.