

House Bill 52

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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 reasonably necessary specialized testimony and
13 assistance in auditing or monitoring a regulated industry, including, without limitation,
14 monitoring nuclear power costs, conducting utility rate cases, processing fuel cost recovery
15 cases, auditing utility affiliates, and reviewing telecommunications earnings, shall be
16 charged to the affected utility. If an order is issued in such proceeding, such charge shall
17 be stated in the order. The amounts paid by regulated companies under this Code section
18 shall be deemed a necessary cost of providing service."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.