

House Bill 479

By: Representative Parsons of the 44th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 46-3A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 filing and approval of an integrated resource plan, so as to prohibit the Public Service
3 Commission from requiring certain changes to such plans; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 46-3A-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to filing and
8 approval of an integrated resource plan, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b)(1) Not more than 60 days after a utility has filed its plan, the commission shall
10 convene a public hearing on the adequacy of the plan. At the hearing any interested
11 person may make comments to the commission regarding the contents and adequacy of
12 the plan. After the hearing, the commission shall determine whether:

13 ~~(1)~~(A) The utility's forecast requirements are based on substantially accurate data and
14 an adequate method of forecasting;

15 ~~(2)~~(B) The plan identifies and takes into account any present and projected reductions
16 in the demand for energy which may result from measures to improve energy efficiency
17 in the industrial, commercial, residential, and energy-producing sectors of the state; and

18 ~~(3)~~(C) The plan adequately demonstrates the economic, environmental, and other
19 benefits to the state and to customers of the utility, associated with the following
20 possible measures and sources of supply:

21 ~~(A)~~(i) Improvements in energy efficiency;

22 ~~(B)~~(ii) Pooling of power;

23 ~~(C)~~(iii) Purchases of power from neighboring states;

24 ~~(D)~~(iv) Facilities which operate on alternative sources of energy;

25 ~~(E)~~(v) Facilities that operate on the principle of cogeneration or hydro-generation;

26 and

