

Senate Resolution 300

By: Senators McLaurin of the 14th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Moore of the 53rd, Parent of the 42nd, Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Public Service Commission to pursue actions to protect 2,700,000 electricity
2 customers from unjustly paying for construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections on
3 Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant and to prohibit Georgia Power from
4 profiting on these construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections; and for other
5 purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Georgia Power now predicts completing construction of the reactors known as
7 Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, the "Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act" of 2009 anticipated that Units 3
9 and 4 would cost \$14 billion, with Unit 3 online in 2016 and Unit 4 online in 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to the "Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act," the General Assembly
11 anticipated that Georgia Power customers would pay construction costs and profits on
12 Georgia Power's \$6.1 billion share of the proposed \$14 billion project; and

13 WHEREAS, numerous construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections have created
14 billions of dollars in added costs; and

15 WHEREAS, the actual construction costs for Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating
16 Plant are now 100 percent more than proposed, with Georgia Power's share as much as
17 \$12 billion currently and continuing to increase; and

18 WHEREAS, the "Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act" did not anticipate making
19 customers pay for expensive construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections; and

20 WHEREAS, among many other costly mistakes that have delayed the completion of Units 3
21 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, statements from the Public Service Commission
22 reported foundation flaws, hundreds of wiring mistakes, cooling pool damage, a major
23 reactor part slipping its anchoring on a train car, approximately 10,000 missing required
24 construction documents, and, most recently, missing pipe struts, all of which have caused
25 delay and increased the cost of the project; and

26 WHEREAS, expensive construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections are presently
27 causing additional costs of \$30 million a month; and

28 WHEREAS, testing may reveal more problems that will further delay startup of Units 3
29 and 4 beyond the recent, and already six and seven years overdue, respectively, startup claim
30 of 2023; and

31 WHEREAS, Georgia Power has stated that there is "a strong likelihood that equipment and
32 design issues will be identified during the initial operation of this equipment"; and

33 WHEREAS, this statement shows that, even now, the company expects more delay and cost;
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35 WHEREAS, the nuclear construction cost increases will continue until both Units 3 and 4
36 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant are completed and online; and

37 WHEREAS, customers have already paid, and are still paying six years longer than
38 anticipated, over \$4 billion in surcharges, which translates into over \$900.00 for the typical
39 household, to finance the construction and implementation of Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric
40 Generating Plant; and

41 WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission has already approved some costs of
42 construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections, thereby putting those costs, and profits
43 on those costs, onto customers.

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
45 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Public Service Commission to pursue
46 actions to protect 2,700,000 electricity customers from unjustly paying for construction
47 mistakes, delays, and work corrections on Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Public Service Commission shall exercise
49 its powers to assuredly protect customers from paying for construction mistakes, delays, and
50 work corrections for Units 3 and 4 at Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, and for paying profits
51 on said construction mistakes, delays, and work corrections.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
53 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
54 press.