

Rep. McGhee, Hills. 35
Rep. Vose, Rock. 5
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Amendment to HR 15

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 Whereas, it is Federal Energy Regulatory Commission practice to accept new and upgraded
4 transmission costs via a presumption of prudence, without a detailed review of individual project
5 cost; and

6 Whereas, consumer utility costs are increasingly burdensome and warrant detailed scrutiny of
7 large-scale utility systems' investments to protect consumers; and

8 Whereas, new and upgraded New Hampshire electric utility projects for distribution system
9 work are reviewed by the public utilities commission (PUC) to ensure that the costs are just and
10 reasonable; and

11 Whereas, new or upgraded electric utility transmission projects, which are often significantly
12 more expensive than distribution projects, are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory
13 Commission (FERC), which operates under a policy that assumes all costs are just and reasonable
14 unless proven otherwise; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

16 That the general court of New Hampshire hereby urges elected members of the United States
17 Congress to take whatever actions are possible to change FERC's policies so that only those costs
18 associated with new or upgraded electric transmission projects that are found to be just and
19 reasonable can be collected from the ratepayers; and

20 That copies of this resolution be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United
21 States; Secretary of Energy; President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States
22 House of Representatives; each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation; the Chair
23 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Chair of the United States Senate's Committee on
24 Energy and Natural Resources; Chair of the United States House of Representative's Committee on
25 Energy and Commerce; Chair of the United States Senate's Committee on Environment and Public
26 Works; governor of New Hampshire; the commissioners of the New Hampshire public utilities
27 commission; commissioner of the New Hampshire department of energy; commissioner of the New
28 Hampshire department of environmental services; commissioner of the New Hampshire department
29 of business and economic affairs; director of workforce development at the New Hampshire
30 department of business and economic affairs; and the New Hampshire state librarian.