

HR 15 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION urging New Hampshire's congressional representatives to advocate for a change in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's policy.

SPONSORS: Rep. Harrington, Straf. 18

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

 This bill urges elected members of the United States Congress to take whatever actions are possible to change FERC's policies.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

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

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

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

13 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

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