

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

Whereas, Missouri statutes and regulations recognize that consumers of electricity benefit when electrical corporations can work in the financial markets and physical commodity markets to manage overall costs and price volatility through the established business practice of hedging; and

Whereas, the Missouri Public Service Commission has overseen electrical corporations serving Missouri for over a decade to ensure that fuels used to generate electricity are hedged appropriately and in consumers' best interest; and

Whereas, due to numerous factors, including federal environmental policy shifts, consumer preferences for lower emission energy sources, and market dynamics, electric power generation is increasingly dependent on natural gas and will be for decades to come; and

Whereas, while natural gas commodity prices and futures estimates are relatively low today, market forces outside of Missouri and the United States could cause declines in natural gas supplies, increased global competition for natural gas supplies, and unpredictable price hikes, or extended periods of price volatility; and

Whereas, both financial investment strategies and ownership of natural gas fuel reserves are viable options for providing insurance against unexpended reductions in available natural gas supplies and unpredictable price rises and volatility;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the Missouri Public Service Commission to reaffirm the state's policy of encouraging electrical corporations to act in consumers' best interests through prudent hedging of natural gas and other fuel inputs; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Chair of the Public Service Commission and each electrical corporation regulated by the Public Service Commission.