

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 995

Short Title: Utility Rate Fairness.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Barbee, Brawley; Arnold, Berry, Bowie, Bowman, J. Brown, Brubaker, Creech, Culp, Decker, DeVane, Dickson, Dockham, Ellis, Esposito, Flaherty, Gardner, Grady, Hayes, Holmes, Howard, Ives, Justus, Mitchell, Morgan, Nichols, Robinson, Stewart, Tallent, G. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Weatherly.

Referred to: Public Utilities.

April 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS AMONG CUSTOMER GROUPS IN THE
2 ESTABLISHMENT OF UTILITY RATES AND TO ENHANCE THE
3 COMPETITIVENESS OF INDUSTRIES LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. The purpose of this act is to enhance the ability of industries
6 within North Carolina to compete with industries in other states, to support industries
7 that create stable, high-wage employment, and to increase the likelihood of attracting
8 and retaining industry in North Carolina.

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 62-133(a) reads as rewritten:

10 "(a) In fixing the rates for any public utility subject to the provisions of this
11 Chapter, other than bus companies, motor carriers and certain water and sewer utilities,
12 the Commission shall fix such rates as shall be fair both to the public utilities and to the
13 consumer. The Commission shall also fix rates in a manner that does not
14 disproportionately benefit some classes of consumers at the expense of others when the
15 fairness of those rates is measured in light of the public utility's cost of providing
16 service, and the Commission shall give due consideration to the effects of the rates so
17 fixed on competitiveness of industries located within the State."

18 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.
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