

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

UTILITIES. Requests the adoption of enhanced regional transmission planning processes that use a multi-scenario, multi-value framework to ensure long-term national security, grid reliability, and resilience.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the adoption of enhanced regional transmission planning processes that
3 use a multi-scenario, multi-value framework to ensure long-term national security,
4 grid reliability, and resilience.

5 WHEREAS, a secure and reliable electricity grid is essential to the national security
6 and public safety of the United States and the state of Louisiana, protecting against
7 cyberattacks, physical threats, and disruptions from extreme weather events; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana's long-standing role as an energy powerhouse makes it
9 imperative that regional transmission planning aligns with state and national security
10 interests; and

11 WHEREAS, modernizing the transmission grid is necessary to Louisiana's ability to
12 meet growing electricity demand, attract new investment, and maintain its competitive edge
13 in domestic and global energy markets; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana's economy relies upon uninterrupted, affordable electricity
15 to support daily operations, job creation, and long-term economic growth; and

16 WHEREAS, long-term, regional transmission planning using twenty-year or longer
17 time horizons is vital to preserving Louisiana's energy leadership, ensuring the state remains
18 competitive while adapting to new technologies and economic opportunities; and

1 WHEREAS, increasingly frequent and severe extreme weather events, such as
2 hurricanes, floods, and winter storms, pose serious risks to communities, infrastructure, and
3 businesses across the state; and

4 WHEREAS, it is essential that transmission planning use best-available data and
5 multi-scenario analysis, including high-impact, low-probability events, to ensure that
6 Louisiana's grid is resilient, secure, and capable of withstanding future weather and other
7 disaster-related threats; and

8 WHEREAS, using a multi-value evaluation framework allows planners to assess
9 transmission projects not only for economic efficiency and reliability, but also for their
10 contributions to national security, resilience, and long-term energy system integrity; and

11 WHEREAS, equitable cost allocation is critical to protecting Louisiana's ratepayers
12 and businesses from unnecessary financial burdens; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the leadership and constitutional authority of
14 the Louisiana Public Service Commission in advancing the interests of Louisiana ratepayers
15 of all classes; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana supports these efforts and also urges
17 Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO) and planners to invest in long-term resource
18 planning in the southern part of the United States commiserate with investments in the
19 northern part of the United States.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 urge and request the adoption of enhanced regional transmission planning processes that use
22 a multi-scenario, multi-value framework to ensure long-term national security, grid
23 reliability, and resilience.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature encourages regional transmission
25 planners to utilize time horizons of at least twenty years, leveraging the best available data
26 to ensure that Louisiana's businesses and communities benefit from a modern and reliable
27 energy system.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature emphasizes the importance of
29 planning for climate resilience and extreme weather events, including protection from
30 hurricanes, floods, and other natural disasters that regularly impact Louisiana's infrastructure

1 and economy.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Louisiana urges regional transmission
3 organizations and planners to fully consider the broad benefits of transmission investments,
4 including national security, economic development, energy affordability, and alignment with
5 state and federal energy goals.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature supports fair and equitable cost
7 allocation for regional transmission projects, ensuring that Louisiana consumers and
8 businesses are not disproportionately impacted by costs relative to benefits received.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 Louisiana Public Service Commission, the Department of Energy and Natural Resources,
11 and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Board of Directors and the
12 Southwest Power Pool Board of Directors.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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