

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR SHEPHERD

UTILITIES. Requests the various public utilities throughout the state delay the collection of residential user fees for the month of December, 2005, for those individuals in certain hurricane affected areas of the state.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the various privately or publicly owned public utilities throughout the state, who are licensed and regulated by any department or agency of the state, to delay the collection of their monthly residential public utilities user fees that are due for payment in December, 2005, for those individuals residing in an area of the state that has been designated as either a Hurricane Katrina FEMA Individual Assistance Area or a Hurricane Rita FEMA Individual Assistance Area.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita have struck a devastating blow to the state of Louisiana, ravaging whole communities and causing untold pain and suffering to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state have already begun the monumental and arduous task of rebuilding their lives and resurrecting the cities, towns and villages they once called home; and

WHEREAS, the governor of the state of Louisiana in Proclamation No. 62 KBB 2005 included Item No. 7 relative to the suspension of state sales taxes statewide for one day in December 2005; and

WHEREAS, revenue raised during this one day tax suspension would help invigorate local businesses and the communities that support them and further contribute to the

1 economic recovery this state so desperately needs.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana urges and
3 requests the various privately or publicly owned public utilities throughout the state, who
4 are licensed and regulated by any department or agency of the state, to delay the collection
5 of their monthly residential public utilities user fees that are due for payment in December,
6 2005, for those individuals residing in an area of the state that has been designated as either
7 a Hurricane Katrina FEMA Individual Assistance Area or a Hurricane Rita FEMA
8 Individual Assistance Area.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution shall apply to
10 all privately or publicly owned public utilities providing the following services: electrical,
11 gas, water, sewerage, garbage collection, and cable TV or internet access.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the various privately or publicly owned public
13 utilities throughout the state allow for the amortization of the December, 2005, public
14 utilities user fee over the next twelve calendar months beginning on January 1, 2006.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Service Commission and the
16 Louisiana Municipal Association assist in the dissemination of the information contained in
17 this Resolution to all pertinent privately and publicly owned public utilities throughout the
18 state of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be delivered to the
20 commissioner of the Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tim Prather.

DIGEST

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