

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the creation of an interstate compact for  
2 a competitive electric transmission market using competitive bidding.

3 WHEREAS, anticompetitive policies in some states constrain efforts to modernize  
4 and expand energy transmission assets; and

5 WHEREAS, these policies have hindered infrastructure growth and increased  
6 transmission costs to ratepayers because the noncompetitive nature of the permitting and  
7 siting process of transmission projects does not incentivize the reduction of costs or  
8 optimization of benefits; and

9 WHEREAS, some of the most popular, anticompetitive laws discriminate against  
10 out-of-state businesses, which may violate the commerce clause of the United States  
11 Constitution; and

12 WHEREAS, market-led consumer demand for better products and services has  
13 precipitated an increased need for power generation in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, to maintain a viable and growing economy, ensure a secure and  
15 reliable power supply in the United States, and promote economic prosperity for the  
16 citizens of the Commonwealth, the transmission capacity of the current utility  
17 infrastructure must be modernized and expanded in a way that is responsive to the needs  
18 and demands of both citizens and businesses;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***

22 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly calls for the creation of an interstate compact  
23 for the development of a competitive electric transmission market that would:

24 (1) Be in the best interests of the electric utility ratepayer and the  
25 Commonwealth's economy;

26 (2) Deploy the requisite technologies to enhance and modernize the transmission  
27 grid; and

1           (3) Improve the electric transmission grid's capacity to transport electric energy  
2 while preventing transmission bottlenecks and congestion.

3           ➔Section 2. Any interstate compact for the development of a competitive electric  
4 transmission market should:

5           (1) Use uniform rules, requirements, and procedures for the permitting and siting  
6 of transmission lines, upgrading or reconductoring of the transmission infrastructure, and  
7 deploying grid-enhancing technologies across states within a regional transmission  
8 organization for all types of electric generating units, regardless of the fuel or electric  
9 generating technology used;

10          (2) Allocate costs in an unbiased, holistic manner to all beneficiaries of the  
11 competitive transmission market;

12          (3) Streamline all permits and regulatory reviews when deploying innovative  
13 grid-enhancing technologies;

14          (4) Open the bidding process to interstate transmission projects;

15          (5) Eliminate redundancies or instances of double permitting for different  
16 intragovernmental units in the transmission siting and permitting process;

17          (6) Develop and prioritize what would be known as co-location superhighways  
18 for streamlined permitting and coordinated infrastructure development projects when  
19 possible; and

20          (7) Apply the compact equally to all states upon each legislature's adoption of the  
21 compact.

22           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
23 copy of this Resolution to the Governor and the commissioners of the Public Service  
24 Commission.