

House Resolution 323

By: Representatives Evans of the 89th, Drenner of the 85th, Oliver of the 82nd, Schofield of the 63rd, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Public Service Commission to pursue actions that will protect 2,700,000 electric
2 customers from unjustly paying for construction mistakes, delays, and corrections at Plant
3 Vogtle reactors three and four and that will prohibit Georgia Power from profiting on those
4 construction mistakes, delays, and corrections; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Georgia Power now predicts construction of Plant Vogtle reactors three and
6 four to complete in 2023; and

7 WHEREAS, the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act of 2009 anticipated that Vogtle three
8 and four would cost \$14 billion with reactor three online in 2016 and four in 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, with the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act of 2009, the legislature
10 anticipated that Georgia Power customers would pay constructions costs and profits on
11 Georgia Power's \$6.1 billion share of the proposed \$14 billion project; and

12 WHEREAS, numerous mistakes, delays, and work corrections have created billions of
13 dollars in added costs; and

14 WHEREAS, actual nuclear construction costs are now 100 percent more than proposed, with
15 Georgia Power's share as high as \$12 billion and increasing; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act of 2009 did not anticipate making
17 customers pay for expensive construction mistakes, delays, and corrections; and

18 WHEREAS, testimony at the Public Service Commission has revealed that, among many
19 delays and cost causing mistakes, the following was found: a huge reactor part slipping its
20 anchoring on a train car; 10,000 missing required construction documents; hundreds of
21 wiring mistakes to correct; cooling pool damage to correct; and missing pipe struts; and

22 WHEREAS, delays and corrections are presently causing additional costs of \$30 million a
23 month; and

24 WHEREAS, testing may reveal more problems that will further delay startup beyond the
25 already six and seven years overdue recent startup claims in 2023; and

26 WHEREAS, Georgia Power's own testimony states that "there is a strong likelihood that
27 equipment and design issues will be identified during the initial operation of this equipment."
28 Their testimony shows that even now the company expects more delays and costs; and

29 WHEREAS, the nuclear construction cost increases will continue until both Vogtle three and
30 four are completed and online; and

31 WHEREAS, customers have already and are still paying for six years longer than anticipated,
32 resulting in more than \$4 billion in surcharges—over \$900 for the typical household—to
33 finance construction of Vogtle three and four; and

34 WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission has already approved some costs of mistakes,
35 delays, and construction corrections, thereby putting those costs onto customers.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 it would be unjust for electric utility customers to pay for costs resulting from mistakes,
38 delays, and construction corrections at Plant Vogtle reactors three and four.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it would be unjust for electric utility customers to pay
40 profits on costs resulting from mistakes, delays, and construction corrections at Plant Vogtle
41 reactors three and four.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Public Service
43 Commission to exercise its powers to assuredly protect electric customers from paying for
44 mistakes, delays, and corrections at Plant Vogtle reactors three and four, as well as for paying
45 profits on said mistakes, delays, and corrections.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
48 public and the press.