

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND RECOGNIZING THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, previous legislatures have deemed that the orderly and efficient development of statewide electric, gas, rail and telecommunication infrastructures are dependent on the existence of regulated public utility service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was created to regulate Idaho's investor-owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications and water utilities in order to ensure adequate service at just, reasonable and sufficient rates; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho PUC also conducts inspection of natural gas pipelines and hazardous materials rail cars; and

WHEREAS, to help ensure that its decisions are fair and workable, the Idaho PUC employs a staff of about fifty people, including engineers, accountants, economists and investigators; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho PUC is the agency of the State of Idaho responsible to implement the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, encouraging the cost-effective development of customer-owned renewable generation and combined heat and power facilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan relies heavily on the expertise and diligence of the Idaho PUC to pursue essential public policies necessary to assure the future supply for affordable energy in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the fields of energy, water and telecommunications regulated by the Idaho PUC have become increasingly sophisticated, involving technically complex issues, requiring staff to become accordingly proficient in these specialized fields; and

WHEREAS, the efficient and effective performance of Public Utilities Commission duties continues to contribute to Idaho's ability to finance and construct needed utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Idaho, later renamed the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, was first organized on May 8, 1913.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the history and achievement of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission be recognized in this year of its one hundredth anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forward to Commissioner Paul Kjellander, Commissioner Marsha Smith and Commissioner Mack Redford.