

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 708

To repeal section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 1995

Mr. NICKLES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “The Electric Utility Rate-
5 payer Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) implementation of section 210 of the Public
9 Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 results in
10 many consumers paying excessive rates for elec-
11 tricity;

1 (2) the Energy Policy Act of 1992 gives produc-
2 ers of electricity additional access to the wholesale
3 electric market through transmission access and ex-
4 emption from the Public Utility Holding Company
5 Act; and

6 (3) in light of the increasingly competitive
7 wholesale electric marketplace being brought about
8 by the Energy Policy Act of 1992, there no longer
9 is any justification for section 210 of the Public
10 Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

11 **SEC. 3. REPEAL.**

12 Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies
13 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 824a-3) is hereby repealed.

14 **SEC. 4. TRANSITION.**

15 Nothing in this Act abrogates any existing contract.

16 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The provisions of this Act are effective April 7, 1995.

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