

SENATE BILL 1219, Printer's No. 1755

This bill would supplement Senate Bill 1217, Printer's No. 1752 which amends the PUC Act, Act of March 31, 1937, P.L. 160, 66 P.S. 452 et. seq., to provide that the Bureau of Conservation, Economics and Energy Planning shall review all proposals for gas and electric utility plant expansion and shall submit to the Commission its findings on the impact of any such plant expansion on rate filings.

COMMENT

The Bureau of Conservation, Economics and Energy Planning should review and recommend to the Commission whether or not plant expansion is necessary and in the public interest. Similarly such a recommendation should be made prior to the Commission's final decision on the rate request. Of course, the Bureau's recommendation should be advisory only, not mandatory, and the wording of the bill clearly indicates this.