
SECTION IV - OIL

- * Utility Oil Reduction Programs - Adopted December 4, 1979 in Atlanta, GA.
- * Alaska Pipeline Waivers - Adopted November 17, 1981 in San Francisco, CA.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

RESOLUTION

UTILITY OIL REDUCTION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the United States needs to reduce its dependence on imported oil in order to further the goal of national energy self-sufficiency, to conserve oil for uses for which there are no feasible alternatives, to reduce the Nation's balance of payments deficit and domestic inflation, and to reduce the vulnerability of the Nation to energy supply interruptions;

WHEREAS, a proposal exists to reduce the Nation's dependence on oil by mandating the States to develop and approve plans for utilities to meet specific oil reduction goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NASUCA urges that the cost-effectiveness of any proposal for oil reduction by the utilities should be explicitly compared against the cost of other alternatives for reducing oil dependency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NASUCA recommends that the States be given the flexibility and latitude to develop innovative approaches to reducing the utilities' use of oil. Therefore, any proposal should include the following key features:

1. The State Oil reduction plans should be approved only after evidentiary hearings that are open to the public, that provide an opportunity for participants to present direct and rebuttal evidence and to cross-examine witnesses, and that include a written decision based upon an evidentiary record, subject to judicial review.
2. The States should approve the most cost-effective, safe, and reliable oil reduction plan.
3. The proposal should provide for grants to electric consumers, consumer groups, and Office of Consumer Services to fund participation and expert testimony for submission in the evidentiary hearings.
4. Any grants available for the purpose of meeting oil reduction goals should be used to fund proposals submitted by the public or its representatives. The grants should not be restricted for use only by electric utility systems. The States should have the responsibility to distribute the grants to fund programs under this bill.
5. The proposal should require the States to develop and implement a conservation plan and a renewable resource plan as part of any approved plan for the reduction of oil use by the utilities.

BE IT ~~FURTHER~~ RESOLVED THAT NASUCA authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of this Resolution on a legislative bill, regulation, or any other type of proposal that concerns the subject matter of this Resolution. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any proposed action prior to taking such action, if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action under this provision.

Approved by NASUCA:

Submitted by:

Atlanta, Georgia
Place

Harold Abramson
New York State Consumer
Protection Board

December 4, 1979
Date

Reported out by Resolutions Committee

Date: November 14, 1979

Favorably x Not Favorably

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RESOLUTION

ALASKA PIPELINE WAIVERS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act provided that oil company producers could not become pipeline owners and also provided that construction investment could not be placed in ratebase prior to completion and service; and

WHEREAS, the President has requested Congress, pursuant to the Act to waive both of those provisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by NASUCA that Congress be urged to deny the request for waivers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT NASUCA authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions consistent with the terms of this Resolution on a legislative bill, regulation, or any other type of proposal that concerns the subject matter of this Resolution. The Executive Committee shall advise the membership of any proposed action prior to taking such action, if possible. In any event, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action under this provision.

Approved by NASUCA:

Submitted by:

San Francisco, California
Place

Victor Baird
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November 17, 1981
Date