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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

MICHAEL S. SANCHEZ

FOR THE INTEGRATED WATER AND RESOURCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT AN APPROPRIATE  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE STUDIES OF WATER  
RESOURCES, RIGHTS AND REGULATION AND OF THE POTENTIAL  
RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, during the 1996 interim, the integrated water and  
resource planning committee studied, evaluated and investigated  
issues related to water resources, rights and regulation, as  
well as issues related to the potential restructuring of the  
electric power industry due to the infusion of competitive  
influences and factors into the industry; and

WHEREAS, numerous and vital concerns compel legislative  
attention and action with respect to the state's water rights,  
resources and regulation, and, further, the integrated water and  
resource planning committee has recommended its continuation

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1 with respect to water and its associated issues, matters and  
2 concerns; and

3 WHEREAS, the integrated water and resource planning  
4 committee has directed the New Mexico public utility commission  
5 to monitor and evaluate the potential restructuring of the  
6 electric power industry, subject to legislative guidance,  
7 direction and oversight, and to report its findings, conclusions  
8 and recommendations to the legislature for approval and action,  
9 as necessary, before any proposed restructuring may be  
10 implemented; and

11 WHEREAS, the integrated water and resource planning  
12 committee has further recommended its continuation with respect  
13 to the electric utility industry in order to retain and continue  
14 the knowledge, information and experience acquired by the  
15 committee in this area to better provide oversight, guidance and  
16 direction to the New Mexico public utility commission in its  
17 work with respect to any potential restructuring of the electric  
18 utility industry and to continue proper and full legislative  
19 attention to and oversight of the rapidly changing aspects of  
20 this industry nationwide;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council direct an  
23 appropriate joint legislative interim committee to continue the  
24 work of the integrated water and resource planning committee to  
25 study and evaluate the state's water rights, resources and

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1 regulation and the potential restructuring of the electric  
2 utility industry; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate joint  
4 legislative interim committee directed by the legislative  
5 council to study and evaluate the state's water rights,  
6 resources and regulation and the potential restructuring of the  
7 electric utility industry present its findings and  
8 recommendations to the second session of the forty-third  
9 legislature; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent  
11 to the president pro tempore of the senate, the speaker of the  
12 house of representatives and the members of the legislative  
13 council.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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25 Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Yes: 5

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Absent: None

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