

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Access to an adequate supply of electric energy
3 is of vital importance to the citizens of this State; and

4 WHEREAS, Recent events in California demonstrate the need
5 for adequate electricity transmission capacity in this State;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The newly deregulated environment for production
8 of electricity, created by the restructuring of the electric
9 utility industry, is resulting in additional demand for
10 transmission capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, Adequate electricity transmission capacity is
12 essential to the health, safety, and economic well-being of
13 the citizens of this State; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Department of Commerce
17 and Community Affairs, the Department of Transportation, and
18 a representative of the Illinois Energy Association jointly
19 conduct a study of electricity transmission capacity in this
20 State; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of the
22 existing electricity transmission capacity in this State,
23 including recommendations for changes in State or federal
24 regulations or statutes and initiatives that can be taken by
25 the Illinois Commerce Commission, the State of Illinois, and
26 the federal government which may be necessary to develop
27 remedies to any reliability or economic performance
28 inadequacies in the existing electricity transmission system;
29 an examination of the areas of the State of Illinois where
30 additional electricity demand is reasonably likely to occur,
31 including recommendations about electricity transmission

1 system development required to accommodate such reasonably
2 anticipated additional electricity demand growth, and
3 Illinois Commerce Commission, State of Illinois, and federal
4 government initiatives which might be undertaken to
5 facilitate transmission system enhancement or expansion for
6 those purposes; and an analysis of the feasibility of
7 promoting the development of Illinois coal resources as a
8 source of additional generation capacity for the State by
9 developing additional transmission capacity within the State
10 of Illinois to move electricity from the southern portions of
11 the State to areas of significant demand for that power,
12 including an estimate of the cost of developing a South-North
13 transmission corridor for those purposes; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commerce Commission, the
15 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Department
16 of Transportation, and Illinois Energy Association report
17 their findings to the General Assembly by December 31, 2002,
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
20 the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, the
21 Director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs,
22 and the Secretary of Transportation and the Executive
23 Director of the Illinois Energy Association.