

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1808

A RESOLUTION urging the State Corporation Commission to order certain refunds to be paid to certain residential natural gas customers.

WHEREAS, The price of natural gas has risen dramatically in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Residential consumers are affected by the price increase more than other customer classes because residential consumers cannot pass along their costs; and

WHEREAS, Many low-income and lower-middle-income citizens face particularly severe financial hardship to pay current bills for natural gas service; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has ordered natural gas producers to refund certain ad valorem taxes paid by natural gas consumers in the past; and

WHEREAS, Moneys for such refunds are being paid to local natural gas distribution companies for distribution to natural gas consumers; and

WHEREAS, The State Corporation Commission must approve the method of distribution of those refunds by local natural gas distribution companies: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the State Corporation Commission is urged to order, to the extent authorized by law, that all moneys from FERC-ordered ad valorem tax refunds which are held by local natural gas distribution companies be used to assist residential natural gas customers within the companies' respective service territories; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Commission is requested to target such assistance at those households which, because of income, are not eligible for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) administered by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services but have an income below 300%