

House Concurrent Resolution No. 9

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1318L.031

1 **Whereas**, the members of the Missouri Public Service Commission are charged with the
2 responsibility of protecting the interests of the people of the state of Missouri against utility companies
3 that operate as monopolies; and
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5 **Whereas**, Missouri Gas Energy has requested a forty-four percent (44%) increase in what
6 it charges rate payers for natural gas in its jurisdiction in the western part of the state of Missouri, despite
7 the enormous increases in the price of natural gas it has been granted in the last few months already
8 being borne by the people of this state; and
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10 **Whereas**, the approval of the Missouri Gas Energy rate increase request by the members
11 of the Missouri Public Service Commission ensures that heating bills for Missouri residents will more
12 than double compared to the same period last year, bringing great hardship upon many Missourians,
13 especially those with low incomes and older Missourians living on fixed incomes; and
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15 **Whereas**, by voting for and allowing the forty-four percent increase to take effect without
16 a public hearing, a public vote and without evidence that the enormous rate increase was necessary, the
17 members of the Missouri Public Service Commission who supported the rate increase have violated
18 section 386.060, RSMo, by being derelict in their duties and incompetent:
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20 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
21 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
22 therein, pursuant to the powers granted them by section 386.060, RSMo, declare Chairman Sheila Lumpe
23 in violation of said section and that position which she holds now vacant; and
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25 **Be it further resolved** that the members of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First
26 Regular Session, pursuant to the powers granted them by section 386.060, RSMo, declare Vice Chairman
27 M. Dianne Drainer in violation of said section and that position which she holds now vacant; and

28 **Be it further resolved** that the members of the Ninety-first General Assembly, First
29 Regular Session, pursuant to the powers granted them by section 386.060, RSMo, declare Commissioner
30 Connie Murray in violation of said section and that position which she holds now vacant; and
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32 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
33 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Governor
34 of the State of Missouri.