

House Resolution 1169

By: Representatives Evans of the 83rd, Drenner of the 85th, Oliver of the 82nd, Cannon of the 58th, Thomas of the 65th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Public Service Commission to pursue actions that protect electric customers from
2 paying for Plant Vogtle cost overruns and construction do-overs and that prohibit Georgia
3 Power from profiting on Vogtle construction mistakes and cost overruns; and for other
4 purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the original, controversial Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act of 2009
6 anticipated that Georgians would pay for construction and profits on prudent costs of Plants
7 Vogtle 3 and 4 that would cost \$15 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, the actual nuclear construction costs so far have been 100 percent more than
9 legislators anticipated in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, the nuclear construction costs continue and are presently about \$100 million per
11 month with no reliable end date in sight; and

12 WHEREAS, customers have already paid over \$3.5 billion in nuclear construction
13 surcharges, an average of \$850 per household, to construct Plant Vogtle; and

14 WHEREAS, Georgia Power's profits jumped more than 20 percent to an all-time high when
15 it began collecting the Vogtle surcharge; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Power has posted \$12.8 billion in profit since Vogtle construction and
17 the surcharges began; and

18 WHEREAS, the original Georgia Nuclear Energy Financing Act of 2009 did not anticipate
19 making people pay for expensive construction mistakes, costly delays, and expensive
20 do-overs; and

21 WHEREAS, Georgia Power testifies that construction is nearly complete; and

22 WHEREAS, many observers, including experts for the Georgia Public Service Commission,
23 anticipate that completing Vogtle construction will take longer than Georgia Power says; and

24 WHEREAS, Georgia Power's construction costs and completion dates have been wrong 100
25 percent of the time; and

26 WHEREAS, it was recently determined that nearly 10,000 required construction documents
27 were missing; and

28 WHEREAS, it was recently determined that numerous wiring mistakes are being corrected;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, extensive ITAAC testing (Nuclear Regulatory Commission Inspections, Tests,
31 Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria) is far from complete and is required for an operating
32 license; and

33 WHEREAS, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reports that, of the 399 ITAAC per
34 reactor, 131 or 30 percent remain to be done for Vogtle 3 and 279 or 70 percent remain to
35 be done for Vogtle 4; and

36 WHEREAS, all ITAAC must be completed before nuclear fuel can be loaded and startup
37 operation can begin; and

38 WHEREAS, any problems found by testing likely will further delay startup beyond the
39 already-years-overdue recent startup claim of late 2022 for Vogtle 3 and 2023 for Vogtle 4;
40 and

41 WHEREAS, the nuclear construction cost overruns will continue until both Vogtle 3 and
42 Vogtle 4 are completed and online.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
44 it would be unfair for electric utility customers to pay for Georgia Power's costs resulting
45 from mismanagement, delays because of mistakes, and construction do-overs at Plant
46 Vogtle 3 and 4.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it would be unfair for electric utility customers to pay
48 profits to Georgia Power on billions in cost overruns at Plant Vogtle 3 and 4.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the Georgia Public
50 Service Commission to exercise its powers to protect electric customers from paying for
51 Vogtle cost overruns, construction mistakes, and profits on said cost overruns and
52 construction mistakes.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
54 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
55 public and the press.