

By: Representative Eaton (By Request)

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 976

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE
2 ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH A FARM RESIDENTIAL METER THAT MAY
3 BE USED ON FARMS ON WHICH THE PROPERTY OWNER RESIDES; TO PROHIBIT
4 ELECTRIC UTILITIES FROM CHARGING ON-DEMAND RATES FOR FARM
5 RESIDENTIAL METER HOLDERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. The Public Service Commission shall require
8 electric utilities to establish a category of electrical meters to
9 be known as "farm residential meters." A farm residential meter
10 may be utilized, in the discretion of a property owner, on any
11 tract of land used for farming or agricultural purposes upon which
12 the property owner also resides. An electric utility must operate
13 farm residential meters in the same manner as electrical meters
14 located on residential property. The electric utility may not
15 assess farm residential meter holders a rate for electricity which
16 is different from the rate charged for residential ratepayers, and
17 the utility may not assess on-demand rates for electricity used by
18 farm residential meter holders.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force
20 from and after July 1, 2001.