HOUSE BILL NO. 976

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

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

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

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