AMENDED

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**S. 954**

Introduced by Senators Leatherman, Setzler and Massey

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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FROM ISSUING AN ORDER FOR REQUESTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE BASE LOAD REVIEW ACT UNTIL NINETY DAYS AFTER THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS SINE DIE FOR THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BUT TO PERMIT AN EXPERIMENTAL RATE ORDER TO REVISE ELECTRIC RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 34, TITLE 58.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The Public Service Commission shall not hold a hearing on the merits for a docket in which requests were made pursuant to the Base Load Review Act before November 1, 2018; however, the Public Service Commission may hold an administrative or procedural hearing for such a docket prior to a hearing on the merits. The Public Service Commission must issue a final order for a docket in which requests were made pursuant to the Base Load Review Act no later than December 21, 2018.

SECTION 2. No final determination of these requests, whether by a final order issued by the Public Service Commission or by operation of law, shall occur earlier than the time period prescribed in SECTION 1. The Public Service Commission’s failure to issue a final order prior to the time period established in this Joint Resolution shall not constitute approval by the Public Service Commission and a utility must not put into effect the change in rates it requested in its schedule.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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