

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 6, 1999

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1082

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 25, 1999

An act to ~~amend Section 328 of the Public Utilities Code,~~
relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1082, as amended, Calderon. Public Utilities Commission: ~~natural gas~~ *electric* restructuring.

The Public Utilities Act ~~authorizes~~ *requires* the Public Utilities Commission to ~~investigate the restructuring of natural gas services, as specified, but prohibits the commission, prior to January 1, 2000, from enacting any gas industry restructuring decisions and from enforcing certain natural gas restructuring decisions for core customers.~~

~~This bill would extend that prohibition against enacting gas industry restructuring decisions until July 1, 2001~~ *allow the recovery of certain reasonable employee related transition costs relating to the restructuring of the electric industry.*

This bill would require the commission to deem the recovery of employee related transition costs as described in that provision to be reasonable, unless the commission makes a specific finding that those costs are not reasonable.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. Section 328 of the Public Utilities Code~~

SECTION 1. The Public Utilities Commission shall deem the recovery of employee related transition costs as described in Section 375 of the Public Utilities Code to be reasonable, unless the Public Utilities Commission makes a specific finding that those costs are not reasonable.

~~is amended to read:~~

~~328. The commission may investigate issues associated with the further restructuring of natural gas services beyond decisions made prior to July 1, 1998. If the commission determines that further natural gas industry restructuring for core customers, as considered in Rulemaking 98-01-011, including, but not limited to, opening or changing competitive markets, establishing consumer protection standards, or unbundling costs, rates or services, is in the public interest, the commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. Prior to July 1, 2001, the commission shall not enact any gas industry restructuring decisions. Any commission natural gas restructuring decisions for core customers, as considered in Rulemaking 98-01-011 enacted prior to the effective date of this section, but after July 1, 1998, shall not be enforced.~~