

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 34
2 (As amended by Senate Amendment No. 1)

3 WHEREAS, Access to an adequate supply of electric energy
4 is of vital importance to the citizens of this State; and

5 WHEREAS, Recent events in California demonstrate the need
6 for adequate electricity transmission capacity in this State;
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8 WHEREAS, The newly deregulated environment for the
9 production of electricity is resulting in additional demand
10 for transmission capacity; and

11 WHEREAS, Adequate electricity transmission capacity is
12 essential to the health, safety, and economic well-being of
13 the citizens of this State; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois Commerce
17 Commission, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs,
18 and the Department of Transportation jointly conduct a study
19 of electricity transmission capacity in this State; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of the
22 existing electricity transmission capacity in this State,
23 including recommendations for changes in State or federal
24 regulations or statutes and initiatives that can be taken by
25 the Illinois Commerce Commission, the State of Illinois, and
26 the federal government which may be necessary to develop
27 remedies to any reliability or economic performance
28 inadequacies in the existing electricity transmission system;
29 an examination of the areas of the State of Illinois where
30 additional electricity demand is reasonably likely to occur,
31 including recommendations about electricity transmission
32 system development required to accommodate such reasonably

1 anticipated additional electricity demand growth, and
2 Illinois Commerce Commission, State of Illinois, and federal
3 government initiatives which might be undertaken to
4 facilitate transmission system enhancement or expansion for
5 those purposes; and an analysis of the feasibility of
6 promoting the development of Illinois coal resources as a
7 source of additional generation capacity for the State by
8 developing additional transmission capacity within the State
9 of Illinois to move electricity from the southern portions of
10 the State to areas of significant demand for that power,
11 including an estimate of the cost of developing a
12 South-to-North transmission corridor for those purposes; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Commerce Commission, the
15 Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, and the
16 Department of Transportation report their findings and
17 recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2001;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
20 the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, the
21 Director of Commerce and Community Affairs, and the Secretary
22 of Transportation.