

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 110

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen CORODEMUS and COHEN

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor to devise a plan of action
2 to protect the State's air quality from the potential impact of an open
3 electric power market that could result from the Federal Energy Regulatory
4 Commission's Order No. 888.

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6 **WHEREAS**, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has recently issued
7 Order No. 888, which opens wholesale power sales to competition by
8 requiring public utilities owning, controlling, or operating transmission lines
9 to file non-discriminatory open access tariffs that offer other the same
10 transmission service they provide themselves; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Order No. 888 will increase the amount of competition among
12 electric suppliers, who will have greater access to the region's electric
13 transmission system, and will result in increased production and availability
14 of relatively less expensive power; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Much of this lower cost electricity is produced in states west of
16 New Jersey, where air quality standards are not as stringent and where the
17 pollution from power plants is significantly greater; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The Governor has recognized that the Federal Energy Regulatory
19 Commission order could lead to massive increases in the amounts of
20 pollution being transported to New Jersey, thereby jeopardizing New
21 Jersey's efforts to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Air
22 Act; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The Governor and other governors of northeastern states, as well
24 as members of Congress, have recognized that the Commission's Order
25 could have damaging environmental consequences; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The Legislature seeks direction in this matter of critical importance
27 to the State's air quality and public health; now, therefore,

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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

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31 1. The Governor of the State of New Jersey is urged to prepare and
32 submit a report to the Legislature on such actions that the State can take to
33 prevent, to the maximum extent practicable, increased pollution as a result of
34 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888.

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