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HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

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2 3 A BILL to provide that the removal of waste coal is in the public interest. 4

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Energy

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. In furtherance of both the need to maintain a reliable and adequate supply of electricity and to 9 address the environmental hazards of abandoned coal mines, the removal of waste coal from previously 10 mined sites in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth for the purpose of using such waste coal as 11 fuel for the generation of electricity is in the public interest and a Phase I or Phase II Utility, as those 12 terms are defined in subdivision A 1 of § 56-585.1 of the Code of Virginia, may at any time petition the 13 14 State Corporation Commission for approval of a rate adjustment clause for recovery on a timely and 15 current basis from customers of the costs of the removal of waste coal from previously mined sites in the coalfield region of the Commonwealth. For the purposes of this act, "waste coal" means usable 16 17 material that is a byproduct of previous coal processing operations.