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H.B. No. 279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electricity supply chain risk mitigation planning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 86.044(d) and (e), Natural Resources Code, as added by S.B. No. 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The commission by rule shall require an operator of a gas supply chain facility to provide to the commission:

(1) a summary report of a criticality analysis of the facility;

(2) a plan to mitigate risk factors identified in the criticality analysis; and

(3) proof that the operator has implemented the plan described by Subdivision (2) over a reasonable period, in a form satisfactory to the commission, which may be in the form of inspections or documents[+

~~[(1) inspect gas supply chain facilities for compliance with rules adopted under Subsection (c);~~

~~[(2) provide the owner of a facility described by Subdivision (1) with a reasonable period of time in which to remedy any violation the commission discovers in an inspection; and~~

~~[(3) report to the attorney general any violation that is not remedied in a reasonable period of time].~~

(e) The commission shall report to the attorney general any

1 violation of a rule adopted under Subsection (c) that is not  
2 remedied in a reasonable period of time [~~prioritize inspections~~  
3 ~~conducted under Subsection (d)(1) based on risk level, as~~  
4 ~~determined by the commission~~].

5 SECTION 2. Section 35.0021(c), Utilities Code, as added by  
6 S.B. No. 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The commission by rule shall require a provider of  
9 electric generation service described by Subsection (a) to provide  
10 to the commission:

11 (1) a summary report of a criticality analysis of the  
12 provider's generation assets;

13 (2) a plan to mitigate risk factors identified in the  
14 criticality analysis; and

15 (3) proof that the provider has implemented the plan  
16 described by Subdivision (2) over a reasonable period, in a form  
17 satisfactory to the commission, which may be in the form of  
18 inspections or documents [~~independent organization certified under~~  
19 ~~Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region shall:~~

20 ~~[(1) inspect generation assets in the ERCOT power~~  
21 ~~region for compliance with the reliability standards,~~

22 ~~[(2) provide the owner of a generation asset with a~~  
23 ~~reasonable period of time in which to remedy any violation the~~  
24 ~~independent organization discovers in an inspection; and~~

25 ~~[(3) report to the commission any violation].~~

26 SECTION 3. Section 38.075(b), Utilities Code, as added by  
27 S.B. No. 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (b) The commission by rule shall require each electric  
3 cooperative, municipally owned utility, and transmission and  
4 distribution utility providing transmission service in the ERCOT  
5 power region to provide to the commission:

6 (1) a summary report of a criticality analysis of the  
7 cooperative's or utility's facilities;

8 (2) a plan to mitigate risk factors identified in the  
9 criticality analysis; and

10 (3) proof that the cooperative or utility has  
11 implemented the plan described by Subdivision (2) over a reasonable  
12 period, in a form satisfactory to the commission, which may be in  
13 the form of inspections or documents ~~[independent organization~~  
14 ~~certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region shall.~~

15 ~~[(1) inspect the facilities of each electric~~  
16 ~~cooperative, municipally owned utility, and transmission and~~  
17 ~~distribution utility providing transmission service in the ERCOT~~  
18 ~~power region for compliance with the reliability standards;~~

19 ~~[(2) provide the owner of a facility described by~~  
20 ~~Subdivision (1) with a reasonable period of time in which to remedy~~  
21 ~~any violation the independent organization discovers in an~~  
22 ~~inspection; and~~

23 ~~[(3) report to the commission any violation that is~~  
24 ~~not remedied in a reasonable period of time].~~

25 SECTION 4. Sections 121.2015(c-1) and (c-2), Utilities  
26 Code, as added by S.B. No. 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular  
27 Session, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

1 (c-1) The railroad commission by rule shall require an  
2 operator of a gas pipeline facility described by Subsection (a)(3)  
3 to provide to the railroad commission:

4 (1) a summary report of a criticality analysis of the  
5 facility;

6 (2) a plan to mitigate risk factors identified in the  
7 criticality analysis; and

8 (3) proof that the operator has implemented the plan  
9 described by Subdivision (2) over a reasonable period, in a form  
10 satisfactory to the commission, which may be in the form of  
11 inspections or documents [+

12 [~~(1) inspect gas pipeline facilities described by~~  
13 ~~Subsection (a)(3) for compliance with rules adopted under~~  
14 ~~Subsection (a)(3);~~

15 [~~(2) provide the owner of a facility described by~~  
16 ~~Subsection (a)(3) with a reasonable period of time in which to~~  
17 ~~remedy any violation the railroad commission discovers in an~~  
18 ~~inspection; and~~

19 [~~(3) report to the attorney general any violation that~~  
20 ~~is not remedied in a reasonable period of time].~~

21 (c-2) The railroad commission shall report to the attorney  
22 general any violation of a rule adopted under Subsection (a)(3)  
23 that is not remedied in a reasonable period of time [~~prioritize~~  
24 ~~inspections conducted under Subsection (c-1)(1) based on risk~~  
25 ~~level, as determined by the railroad commission].~~

26 SECTION 5. Sections 35.0021(c-1) and 38.075(c), Utilities  
27 Code, as added by S.B. No. 3, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular

1 Session, 2021, are repealed.

2 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
3 last day of the legislative session.