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H.B. No. 2877

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice to elected officials of a widespread power, water, or natural gas outage or emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 31.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.006. NOTICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS REQUIRED. As soon as practicable after an electric utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative experiences a widespread power outage or a widespread electric service emergency, the utility or cooperative shall notify by telephone and e-mail each:

(1) United States senator who represents this state;

(2) member of the United States House of Representatives who represents a district affected by the disruption or emergency;

(3) statewide elected official;

(4) member of the legislature who represents a district affected by the disruption or emergency;

(5) elected official of a county government who represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency; and

(6) elected official of a municipal government who represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 104, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 104.009 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 104.009. NOTICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS REQUIRED. As
2 soon as practicable after a gas utility, municipally owned utility,
3 or electric cooperative experiences a widespread natural gas
4 shortage or a widespread natural gas service emergency, the utility
5 or cooperative shall notify by telephone and e-mail each:

6 (1) United States senator who represents this state;

7 (2) member of the United States House of
8 Representatives who represents a district affected by the
9 disruption or emergency;

10 (3) statewide elected official;

11 (4) member of the legislature who represents a
12 district affected by the disruption or emergency;

13 (5) elected official of a county government who
14 represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency; and

15 (6) elected official of a municipal government who
16 represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency.

17 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, is amended
18 by adding Section 13.1397 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 13.1397. NOTICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS REQUIRED. As
20 soon as practicable after a retail public utility experiences a
21 widespread water service outage or a widespread water service
22 emergency, the utility shall notify by telephone and e-mail each:

23 (1) United States senator who represents this state;

24 (2) member of the United States House of
25 Representatives who represents a district affected by the
26 disruption or emergency;

27 (3) statewide elected official;

1 (4) member of the legislature who represents a
2 district affected by the disruption or emergency;

3 (5) elected official of a county government who
4 represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency; and

5 (6) elected official of a municipal government who
6 represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.