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H.B. No. 3915

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3915:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3915

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of certain premises as critical load premises for electric service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.074 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.074. CRITICAL LOAD PREMISES DESIGNATION. (a) The commission by rule shall establish a process for a transmission and distribution utility to designate and prioritize the designation of certain premises as critical load premises and adopt criteria for determining eligibility for the designation and priority. In establishing the process and adopting the criteria, the commission shall coordinate with other agencies that have primary jurisdiction over entities that own or operate premises that may be designated as critical load premises.

(b) The eligibility criteria adopted under Subsection (a) must allow for premises used for the following activities to be eligible to be designated as critical load premises:

(1) upstream natural gas production;

(2) midstream natural gas transportation;

(3) fuel production;

(4) nitrogen supply;

(5) hydrogen supply;

(6) water supply; and

1 (7) telecommunications.

2 (c) Annually, the commission shall submit to the
3 legislature a report regarding critical load premises
4 designations, including analysis of the implementation and results
5 of the designations.

6 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Public
7 Utility Commission of Texas shall submit to the legislature the
8 first report required by Section 38.074, Utilities Code, as added
9 by this Act.

10 SECTION 3. If this Act takes effect immediately, the Public
11 Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt the rules required by
12 Section 38.074, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than
13 September 1, 2021. If this Act takes effect September 1, 2021, the
14 Public Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt rules as required by
15 Section 38.074, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than
16 November 1, 2021.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.