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H.B. No. 3915

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of certain premises as critical load.

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 as follows:

Sec. 38.074. CRITICAL LOAD DESIGNATION. (a) The commission by rule shall establish a process for priority of designation and eligibility requirements for a transmission and distribution utility to designate a premise as critical load. The commission shall coordinate with other agencies with primary jurisdiction over entities with critical load designation premises.

(b) In providing eligibility requirements under Subsection (a), the commission shall include premises for upstream natural gas production, midstream natural gas transportation, fuel production, nitrogen supply, hydrogen supply, water supply, and telecommunications.

(c) The commission shall make an annual report to the legislature regarding critical load entity designation, including implementation and results, beginning no later than January 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. The Public Utility Commission shall adopt rules as required by Section 38.074 Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2021 if the Act takes immediate effect.

1 The Public Utility Commission shall adopt rules as required by  
2 Section 38.074, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
3 November 1, 2021 if the Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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