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H.B. No. 2336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of an electric utility regarding certain customer requests.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.022, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 38.022. DISCRIMINATION AND RESTRICTION ON COMPETITION. (a) An electric utility may not:

(1) discriminate against a person or electric cooperative who sells or leases equipment or performs services in competition with the electric utility; or

(2) engage in a practice that tends to restrict or impair that competition.

(b) An electric utility shall provide, on written request by a customer or a customer's representative, electronic load data for the customer for the previous 24-month period, including billed and actual demand data and energy customer data. The information must be provided in a comma delimited text file format, if requested.

(c) An electric utility shall:

(1) promptly submit to the independent system operator a customer's request to change the customer's retail electric provider;

(2) follow protocols of the independent system operator for switching customer accounts; and

1           (3) promptly respond to a request made by a customer, a  
2 customer's selected retail electric provider, or the independent  
3 system operator for information regarding the customer's request to  
4 change the customer's retail electric provider.

5           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.