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H.B. No. 2548

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
3 to order construction of electric transmission capacity.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.203(e), Utilities Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (e) The commission may require an electric utility or a  
8 transmission and distribution utility to construct or enlarge  
9 facilities to ensure safe and reliable service for the state's  
10 electric markets, and to meet the goal for renewable capacity  
11 established by Section 39.904(a). In any proceeding brought under  
12 Chapter 37, an electric utility or transmission and distribution  
13 utility ordered to construct or enlarge facilities under this  
14 subchapter need not prove that the construction ordered is  
15 necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of  
16 the public and need not address the factors listed in Sections  
17 37.056(c)(1)-(3) and (4)(E).

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