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AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to resolve certain disputes relating to the rates and terms of transmission service.

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

SECTION 1. RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN UTILITY DISPUTES.

(a) The Public Utility Commission may resolve disputes relating to the rates and terms of transmission services within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for service provided before January 1, 2000. The Commission shall initiate appropriate proceedings to resolve any such dispute at the request of a party to the dispute.

(b) If the commission resolves a dispute involving municipal utilities and a municipal power authority that is also the subject of an action or proceeding pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the effective date of this Act, the commission's resolution of the dispute is not subject to judicial review by a court of this state and shall be a final statement of the rate methodology for transmission service among the parties to the dispute.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on September 1, 2003.