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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the legislature's goal for energy efficiency in this state and related energy efficiency programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.905, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.905. GOAL FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY. (a) It is the goal of the legislature that:

(1) electric utilities will administer energy savings incentive programs in a market-neutral, nondiscriminatory manner but will not offer underlying competitive services;

(2) all customers, in all customer classes, have a choice of and access to energy efficiency alternatives and other choices from the market that allow each customer to reduce the customer's energy consumption, peak demand, or [and reduce] energy costs; and

(3) each electric utility will provide, through market-based standard offer programs or limited, targeted, market-transformation programs, incentives sufficient for retail electric providers and competitive energy service providers to acquire additional cost-effective energy efficiency equivalent to at least 10 percent of the electric utility's annual growth in demand.

(b) The commission shall provide oversight and adopt rules

1 and procedures, as necessary, to ensure that the goal of this
2 section is achieved by January 1, 2007 [~~2004~~].

3 (c) A standard offer program under Subsection (a)(3) must be
4 neutral with respect to technologies, equipment, or fuels and must
5 to the extent possible facilitate the full participation of
6 emerging technologies, including thermal, chemical, and mechanical
7 technologies and electrical energy storage technologies.

8 (d) The commission shall establish market transformation
9 programs for:

- 10 (1) energy-smart schools;
11 (2) appliance retirement and recycling;
12 (3) air conditioning system tune-ups; and
13 (4) the use of trees or other landscaping for energy
14 efficiency.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.