

Amend CSSB 483 (House Committee Printing) by adding the following SECTION, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 35, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 35.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.009. BILLING DEMAND FOR RETAIL SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS. (a) In this section, "retail seasonal agricultural customer" means a retail customer that is an establishment primarily engaged in producing crops or performing services on harvested crops with the intent of preparing or storing the crops for market or further processing, including cotton ginneries, rice dryers, and grain dryers. The term also includes an electric service identifier used for irrigating agricultural products.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a transmission and distribution utility shall exclude retail seasonal agricultural customers from the application of any ratchet provision contained in a tariff relating to distribution service.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.