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H.B. No. 3019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to recovery of certain investments by electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35.054(a), Utilities Code, is amended by
as follows:

Sec. 36.054. CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS. (a)
Construction work in progress, at cost as recorded on the electric
utility's books, may be included in the utility's rate base. ~~The
inclusion of construction work in progress is an exceptional form
of rate relief that the regulatory authority may grant only if the
utility demonstrates that inclusion is necessary to the utility's
financial integrity.~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2007.