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H.B. No. 366

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 366:

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C.S.H.B. No. 366

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a task force to review electric energy generation policies and to study the state's long-term demand for electric generation capacity.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 31, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 31.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.006. ELECTRIC ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT TASK FORCE. (a) In this section, "task force" means the electric energy and environmental impact task force.

(b) The electric energy and environmental impact task force shall meet quarterly to:

(1) study the state's long-term demand for electric generation capacity and the infrastructure and technology available and necessary for meeting that demand;

(2) study the environmental effects of existing and proposed electric generating facilities;

(3) inventory all existing electric generating facilities operating in this state; and

(4) review changes to state statutes, administrative rules and regulations, judicial decisions, and executive branch policies regarding electric energy generation.

(c) The task force is composed of representatives of:

(1) the commission;

1           (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;

2           (3) ERCOT;

3           (4) the Texas Water Development Board;

4           (5) the Railroad Commission of Texas; and

5           (6) the state energy conservation office.

6           (d) The members of the task force shall elect a presiding  
7 officer from among the members and shall adopt rules governing the  
8 operation of the committee.

9           (e) All meetings of the task force shall be conducted in  
10 accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code.

11           (f) The task force may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and  
12 appropriations for purposes of this section.

13           (g) Not later than December 31 of each year, the task force  
14 shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and each  
15 member of the legislature a report on the task force's findings and  
16 recommendations.

17           SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2009, the electric  
18 energy and environmental impact task force established under  
19 Section 31.006, Utilities Code, as added by this Act, shall conduct  
20 an organizational meeting.

21           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.