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H.B. No. 1160

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of contract expiration in retail electric
3 service contracts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 39.112 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 39.112. NOTICE OF CONTRACT EXPIRATION. (a) In this
8 section, "fixed price contract" means a residential retail electric
9 service contract for a term of six months or more in which the price
10 for each billing period is stated in the contract and does not
11 change throughout the term of the contract. The term does not
12 include month-to-month service.

13 (b) A retail electric provider shall provide a residential
14 customer who has a fixed price contract with written notification
15 of the date the contract is scheduled to expire. The notice must be
16 sent to the customer's billing address by mail postmarked not less
17 than 60 days before the date the contract is scheduled to expire.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to a contract for retail electric service entered into or renewed on
20 or after the effective date of this Act. A contract for retail
21 electric service entered into or renewed before the effective date
22 of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before
23 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
24 for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.