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H.B. No. 1783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Internet broadcasting of Public Utility Commission  
of Texas and ERCOT public hearings and meetings.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 12, Utilities Code, is  
amended by adding Section 12.204 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.204. INTERNET FOR HEARINGS AND MEETINGS. The  
commission shall make publicly accessible without charge live  
Internet video of all public hearings and meetings the commission  
holds for viewing from the Internet website found at  
<http://www.puc.state.tx.us>. The commission may recover the costs  
of administering this section by imposing an assessment against a:

(1) public utility;

(2) corporation described by Section 32.053;

(3) retail electric provider that serves more than  
250,000 customers; or

(4) power generation company that owns more than 5,000  
megawatts of installed capacity in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 39.1511, Utilities Code, is amended by  
adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The commission shall ensure that an independent  
organization certified under Section 39.151 makes publicly  
accessible without charge live Internet video of all public  
meetings subject to this section for viewing from an Internet

1 website.

2           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
3 hearing or meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act.  
4 A hearing or meeting held before the effective date of this Act is  
5 governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and  
6 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.