

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1783 was passed by the House on April 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1783 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor