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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 accessibly without charge live internet video of all public hearings and meetings of the commission for viewing from the Internet website found at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>.

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 this section makes publicly accessibly without charge live internet video of all public hearings and meetings subject to this section for viewing from an Internet website.

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

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