

1-1 By: Solomons, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Fraser) H.B. No. 1783
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 and Commerce; May 20, 2009, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the Internet broadcasting of Public Utility Commission
1-9 of Texas and ERCOT public hearings and meetings.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 12, Utilities Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 12.204 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 12.204. INTERNET FOR HEARINGS AND MEETINGS. The
1-14 commission shall make publicly accessible without charge live
1-15 Internet video of all public hearings and meetings the commission
1-16 holds for viewing from the Internet website found at
1-17 <http://www.puc.state.tx.us>. The commission may recover the costs
1-18 of administering this section by imposing an assessment against a:

- 1-19 (1) public utility;
1-20 (2) corporation described by Section 32.053;
1-21 (3) retail electric provider that serves more than
1-22 250,000 customers; or
1-23 (4) power generation company that owns more than 5,000
1-24 megawatts of installed capacity in this state.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 39.1511, Utilities Code, is amended by
1-26 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-27 (c) The commission shall ensure that an independent
1-28 organization certified under Section 39.151 makes publicly
1-29 accessible without charge live Internet video of all public
1-30 meetings subject to this section for viewing from an Internet
1-31 website.

1-32 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
1-33 hearing or meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-34 A hearing or meeting held before the effective date of this Act is
1-35 governed by the law as it existed immediately before that date, and
1-36 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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