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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to coordinating information regarding the location of  
3 infrastructure to which the supply of electric service is critical  
4 to the public health and safety or for emergency management  
5 purposes.

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

7 SECTION 1. Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by  
8 adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

9 SUBCHAPTER I. CRITICAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION FOR  
10 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EMERGENCY RESPONSE

11 Sec. 418.251. CRITICAL SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION.

12 (a) To provide for rapid mitigation of disasters or emergencies  
13 that result in widespread electric utility service outages, each  
14 municipality and county shall provide the division with the  
15 location of infrastructure in the municipality's or county's  
16 jurisdiction that is critical to the public health or safety and  
17 that requires electric utility service to adequately respond to or  
18 to mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency.

19 (b) A municipality or county shall file with the division  
20 the critical infrastructure location information:

21 (1) annually;

22 (2) on a standardized form provided by the division to  
23 be filed electronically or by mail; and

24 (3) by street address and by any other means of

1 identifying location the division requires.

2 (c) The division shall provide with the standardized form  
3 information to assist a municipality or county in determining the  
4 infrastructure in the municipality's or county's jurisdiction that  
5 is critical to the public health or safety and that requires  
6 electric utility service to adequately respond to or to mitigate  
7 the effects of a disaster or emergency. The municipality or county  
8 must rank the critical infrastructure identified on the form by  
9 priority. The critical infrastructure identified must include:

- 10 (1) police and fire stations;  
11 (2) relevant government buildings;  
12 (3) sewage lift stations;  
13 (4) water treatment facilities; and  
14 (5) hospitals.

15 Sec. 418.252. DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO UTILITIES.

16 (a) The division shall provide to each electric utility that owns  
17 electric transmission and distribution lines the critical  
18 infrastructure location information for each municipality or  
19 county served by the utility. The Public Utility Commission of  
20 Texas shall assist the division in identifying the relevant  
21 utilities and coordinating the delivery of the information.

22 (b) The division shall provide the information annually  
23 under Subsection (a) not later than March 1.

24 Sec. 418.253. MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION. (a) An electric  
25 utility that receives the critical infrastructure location  
26 information from the division shall:

- 27 (1) maintain the information to assist the utility

1 with efforts to restore electric utility service; and

2 (2) update the information annually with location  
3 information as it is received from the division.

4 (b) The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall adopt rules  
5 to ensure compliance with this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.