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H.B. No. 4300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to safety rules for certain pipeline facilities and public awareness.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 121.2015(c) and (d), Utilities Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) If the operator or operator's representative cannot arrange a meeting in person after complying with Subsection (b), the operator or the operator's representative may ~~[shall make an effort to]~~ conduct community liaison activities by ~~[means of a telephone conference call with the officials by]~~ one of the following methods:

(1) holding ~~[mailing a written request for]~~ a telephone conference with ~~[to]~~ the appropriate officials ~~[by certified mail, return receipt requested]; or~~

(2) delivering ~~[sending a request for a telephone conference to the appropriate officials by facsimile transmission, or~~

~~[(3) making one or more telephone calls or e-mail message transmissions to the appropriate officials to request a telephone conference.~~

~~[(d) If the operator or the operator's representative has made the efforts required by Subsections (b) and (c) but has not successfully arranged a meeting in person or a telephone~~

1 ~~conference,~~] the community liaison information required to be  
2 conveyed [~~may be delivered by mailing the information~~] by certified  
3 mail, return receipt requested.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 117.012(i) and (j), Natural Resources  
5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 (i) If the operator or operator's representative cannot  
7 arrange a meeting in person after complying with Subsection (h),  
8 the operator or the operator's representative may [~~shall make an~~  
9 ~~effort, by one of the following methods, to~~] conduct community  
10 liaison activities by one of the following methods [~~means of a~~  
11 ~~telephone conference call with the officials~~]:

12 (1) holding [~~mailing a written request for~~] a  
13 telephone conference with [~~to~~] the appropriate officials [~~by~~  
14 ~~certified mail, return receipt requested~~]; or

15 (2) delivering [~~sending a request for a telephone~~  
16 ~~conference to the appropriate officials by facsimile transmission,~~  
17 ~~or~~

18 [~~(3) making one or more telephone calls or e-mail~~  
19 ~~message transmissions to the appropriate officials to request a~~  
20 ~~telephone conference.~~

21 [~~(j) If the operator or the operator's representative has~~  
22 ~~made the efforts required by Subsections (h) and (i) but has not~~  
23 ~~successfully arranged a meeting in person or a telephone~~  
24 ~~conference,~~] the community liaison information required to be  
25 conveyed [~~may be delivered by mailing the information~~] by certified  
26 mail, return receipt requested.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.