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H.B. No. 4330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study concerning the feasibility and viability of
3 certain time-differentiated pricing schemes for electric service.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The independent organization certified
6 under Section 39.151, Utilities Code, for the ERCOT power region
7 shall conduct a study concerning the feasibility of the adoption of
8 time-differentiated pricing, including real-time pricing, critical
9 peak pricing, and time-of-use pricing schemes, by an investor-owned
10 electric utility, a retail electric provider, a municipally owned
11 utility, an electric cooperative, or a river authority that
12 provides electric utility services.

13 (b) In conducting the study required by this Act, the
14 independent organization shall consider:

15 (1) the current condition of the industry in this
16 state;

17 (2) prior studies that have been conducted on the
18 issue of time-of-use pricing; and

19 (3) any other information that the independent
20 organization determines is necessary.

21 (c) At the independent organization's request, the Public
22 Utility Commission of Texas or other agency shall provide
23 information and assistance in conducting the study under this Act.

24 (d) Not later than January 1, 2011, the independent

1 organization shall report the results of the study conducted under
2 this Act to the 82nd Legislature. At a minimum, the report must
3 include recommendations concerning specific steps that can be
4 taken, by statute or rule, to achieve maximum consumer and utility
5 savings by transitioning to time-differentiated pricing in this
6 state.

7 SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2011.

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