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S.B. No. 546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the state goal for energy efficiency.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 39.905, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) It is the goal of the legislature that:

(1) electric utilities will administer energy efficiency incentive programs in a market-neutral, nondiscriminatory manner but will not offer underlying competitive services;

(2) all customers, in all customer classes, will have a choice of and access to energy efficiency alternatives and other choices from the market that allow each customer to reduce energy consumption, peak demand, or energy costs;

(3) each electric utility will provide, through market-based standard offer programs or limited, targeted, market-transformation programs, incentives sufficient for retail electric providers and competitive energy service providers to acquire additional cost-effective energy efficiency for residential and commercial customers equivalent to at least:

(A) 10 percent of the electric utility's annual growth in demand of residential and commercial customers by December 31, 2007;

(B) 15 percent of the electric utility's annual

1 growth in demand of residential and commercial customers by
2 December 31, 2008, provided that the electric utility's program
3 expenditures for 2008 funding may not be greater than 75 percent
4 above the utility's program budget for 2007 for residential and
5 commercial customers, as included in the April 1, 2006, filing;
6 ~~and~~

7 (C) 20 percent of the electric utility's annual
8 growth in demand of residential and commercial customers by
9 December 31, 2009, provided that the electric utility's program
10 expenditures for 2009 funding may not be greater than 150 percent
11 above the utility's program budget for 2007 for residential and
12 commercial customers, as included in the April 1, 2006, filing;

13 (D) 30 percent of the electric utility's annual
14 growth in demand of residential and commercial customers by
15 December 31, 2010; and

16 (E) 50 percent of the electric utility's annual
17 growth in demand of residential and commercial customers by
18 December 31, 2015;

19 (4) each electric utility in the ERCOT region shall
20 use its best efforts to encourage and facilitate the involvement of
21 the region's retail electric providers in the delivery of
22 efficiency programs and demand response programs under this
23 section;

24 (5) retail electric providers in the ERCOT region, and
25 electric utilities outside of the ERCOT region, shall provide
26 customers with energy efficiency educational materials; and

27 (6) notwithstanding Subdivision (3) ~~[Subsection~~

1 ~~(a)(3)]~~, electric utilities shall continue to make available, at
2 2007 funding and participation levels, any load management standard
3 offer programs developed for industrial customers and implemented
4 prior to May 1, 2007.

5 SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Utilities Code
6 are repealed:

7 (1) Subsection (b-2), Section 39.905; and

8 (2) Section 39.913.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.