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S.B. No. 618

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of net metering by certain electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.107, Utilities Code, is amended by amending Subsection (i), as added by Chapter 939 (H.B. 3693), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, and adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(i) Subject to the restrictions in Subsection (h), it is the intent of the legislature that ~~[net metering and]~~ advanced meter information networks be deployed as rapidly as possible to allow customers to better manage energy use and control costs, and to facilitate demand response initiatives.

(k) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission shall adopt rules and standards under which a retail electric provider, electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, or transmission and distribution utility shall offer net metering service as defined by the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. Section 2621(d)(11)) to all residential customers as soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.