

Amend CSHB 2694 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. RATE NOTIFICATION

SECTION _____.01. Section 13.043(i), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) The governing body of a municipally owned utility or a political subdivision, within 60 [~~30~~] days after the date of a final decision on a rate change, shall provide individual written notice to each ratepayer eligible to appeal who resides outside the boundaries of the municipality or the political subdivision. The notice must include, at a minimum, the effective date of the new rates, the new rates, and the location where additional information on rates can be obtained. The governing body of a municipally owned utility or a political subdivision may provide the notice electronically if the utility or political subdivision has access to a ratepayer's e-mail address.

SECTION _____.02. Section 13.187(b), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A copy of the statement of intent shall be mailed, sent by e-mail, or delivered to the appropriate offices of each affected municipality, and to any other affected persons as required by the regulatory authority's rules.