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H.B. No. 971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to removal of the requirement that an electric utility
3 designate a preferred route for a transmission line in an
4 application for a certificate of convenience and necessity.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.053, Utilities Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) The commission may not require the applicant to
9 designate a preferred route for a proposed transmission line
10 facility.

11 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
12 adopt or revise rules under Section 37.053, Utilities Code, as
13 amended by this Act, before June 1, 2012.

14 SECTION 3. This Act applies only to an application for a
15 certificate of convenience and necessity that is filed with the
16 Public Utility Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of
17 this Act. An application for a certificate of convenience and
18 necessity that was filed with the commission before the effective
19 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
20 application was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.