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H.B. No. 3702

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of distributed renewable generation for
3 certain generation systems installed on publicly owned land.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.916(a), Utilities Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 39.916. INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE
8 GENERATION. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Distributed renewable generation" means electric
10 generation [~~with a capacity of not more than 2,000 kilowatts~~]
11 provided by a renewable energy technology, as defined by Section
12 39.904, :

13 (A) with a capacity of not more than 2,000
14 kilowatts that is installed on a retail electric customer's side of
15 the meter; or

16 (B) with a capacity of not more than 10 megawatts
17 that is installed on a retail electric customer's side of the meter
18 and on land or buildings owned by the United States, or on land or
19 buildings owned by this state or a political subdivision of this
20 state.

21 (2) "Distributed renewable generation owner" means:

22 (A) an owner of distributed renewable
23 generation;

24 (B) a retail electric customer on whose side of

1 the meter distributed renewable generation is installed and
2 operated, regardless of whether the customer takes ownership of the
3 distributed renewable generation; or

4 (C) a person who by contract is assigned
5 ownership rights to energy produced from distributed renewable
6 generation located at the premises of the customer on the
7 customer's side of the meter.

8 (3) "Interconnection" means the right of a distributed
9 renewable generation owner to physically connect distributed
10 renewable generation to an electricity distribution system, and the
11 technical requirements, rules, or processes for the connection.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.