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S.B. No. 1257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a settlement in a contested case involving an integrated utility operating outside of ERCOT in areas of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14.054, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) A settlement that resolves a contested case involving an integrated utility operating outside of ERCOT, in areas of this state that are included in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, to which the applicant and all parties, other than the commission, have agreed, is presumed to be just, reasonable, and in the public interest, provided the agreement does not violate other provisions of law.

(d) The commission staff may not take a position before the commission relating to a settlement described by Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a settlement related to a contested case reached on or after the effective date of this Act. A settlement related to a contested case reached before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.