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S.B. No. 1478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the satisfaction of annual renewable energy
3 requirements by certain utilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.904, Utilities Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission by rule
8 shall require an investor-owned electric utility that was not
9 affiliated with ERCOT and was operating solely outside of ERCOT in
10 areas of this state that were included in the Western Electricity
11 Coordinating Council on January 1, 2013, to satisfy at least 50
12 percent of the annual renewable energy requirement under Subsection
13 (c) through capacity or purchases of renewable energy credits that
14 are physically metered and verified in the utility's Texas service
15 area.

16 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
17 adopt rules to implement Section 39.904(c-1), Utilities Code, as
18 added by this Act, as soon as practicable following the effective
19 date of this Act, but not later than August 31, 2014.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.