

Amend CSHB 7 as follows:

(1) Add a new section.

SECTION _____. Section 39.903(e), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Money in the system benefit fund may be appropriated to provide funding solely for the following regulatory purposes, in the following order of priority:

(1) programs to:

(A) assist low-income electric customers by providing the 10 percent reduced rate prescribed by Subsection (h); and

(B) provide one-time bill payment assistance to electric customers who are or who have in their households one or more seriously ill or disabled low-income persons and who have been threatened with disconnection for nonpayment;

(2) customer research programs, education programs, or research grants, administrative expenses incurred by the commission in implementing and administering this chapter, and expenses incurred by the office under this chapter, expenses incurred by the office under this chapter;

(3) programs or research grants to assist low-income electric customers by providing the targeted energy efficiency programs described by Subsection (f)(2);

(4) programs or research grants to assist low-income electric customers by providing the 20 percent reduced rate prescribed by Subsection (h); and

(5) reimbursement to the commission and the Health and Human Services Commission for expenses incurred in the implementation and administration of an integrated eligibility process created under Section 17.007 for customer service discounts relating to retail electric service, including outreach expenses the commission determines are reasonable and necessary.

(2) On page 8, line 36, between "program" and "established", insert "or grant".

(3) On page 8, line 36, between "commission" and "to", insert "through research".

(4) On page 8, line 52, between "customer" and "education", insert "research and".