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S.B. No. 774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on periodic rate adjustment by electric
3 utilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 36.210, Utilities Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows:

7 (h) The commission shall undertake a study and conduct a
8 report analyzing any periodic rate adjustment established under
9 this section. The study shall be available for the legislature's
10 review by January 31, 2019 [~~2017~~], so that the legislature may
11 properly be informed as to the need to continue the commission's
12 authority to allow periodic rate adjustments. The report shall
13 contain but shall not be limited to:

14 (1) an analysis of all periodic rate adjustments
15 approved by the commission;

16 (2) an analysis of the amounts in real dollars and
17 percentages of the approved amounts by the commission and the
18 effects on all classes of ratepayers;

19 (3) the costs savings, if any, realized by all parties
20 by utilizing periodic rate adjustment as opposed to ratemaking
21 proceedings;

22 (4) an analysis on distribution costs included in
23 periodic rate adjustments, and their appropriateness for inclusion
24 in periodic rate adjustments; [~~and~~]

1 (5) an analysis submitted by the office on the effects
2 of periodic rate adjustments; and

3 (6) an analysis of alternative ratemaking mechanisms
4 adopted by other states and recommendations regarding appropriate
5 reforms to the ratemaking process in this state to provide
6 efficient and adequate oversight of electric utilities.

7 (i) This section expires September [~~January~~] 1, 2019
8 [~~2017~~].

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.