

1-1 By: Fraser S.B. No. 774
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2015; March 2, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and
 1-4 Economic Development; March 30, 2015, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-6 Nays 0; March 30, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14			X	
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1-16	X			
1-17	X			
1-18	X			
1-19	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 774 By: Fraser

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to studies on the rates of electric utilities.
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-25 SECTION 1. Section 36.210, Utilities Code, is amended by
 1-26 amending Subsections (h) and (i) and adding Subsection (h-1) to
 1-27 read as follows:
 1-28 (h) The commission shall undertake a study and conduct a
 1-29 report analyzing any periodic rate adjustment established under
 1-30 this section. The study shall be available for the legislature's
 1-31 review by January 31, 2019 [2017], so that the legislature may
 1-32 properly be informed as to the need to continue the commission's
 1-33 authority to allow periodic rate adjustments. The report shall
 1-34 contain but shall not be limited to:
 1-35 (1) an analysis of all periodic rate adjustments
 1-36 approved by the commission;
 1-37 (2) an analysis of the amounts in real dollars and
 1-38 percentages of the approved amounts by the commission and the
 1-39 effects on all classes of ratepayers;
 1-40 (3) the costs savings, if any, realized by all parties
 1-41 by utilizing periodic rate adjustment as opposed to ratemaking
 1-42 proceedings;
 1-43 (4) an analysis on distribution costs included in
 1-44 periodic rate adjustments, and their appropriateness for inclusion
 1-45 in periodic rate adjustments; and
 1-46 (5) an analysis submitted by the office on the effects
 1-47 of periodic rate adjustments.
 1-48 (h-1) The commission shall conduct a study and make a report
 1-49 analyzing alternative ratemaking mechanisms adopted by other
 1-50 states and shall make recommendations regarding appropriate
 1-51 reforms to the ratemaking process in this state. The commission
 1-52 shall include in the report an analysis that demonstrates how the
 1-53 commission's recommended reforms would improve the efficiency and
 1-54 effectiveness of the oversight of electric utilities and ensure
 1-55 that electric rates are just and reasonable, as required by this
 1-56 chapter. The commission may retain an independent consultant, at
 1-57 the expense of electric utilities, to conduct the study. The
 1-58 commission shall provide the report to the legislature not later
 1-59 than January 15, 2017.
 1-60 (i) This section expires September [January] 1, 2019

2-1 [2017].

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

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