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S.B. No. 933

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas  
3 to review transmission interconnections that enable imports or  
4 exports from the ERCOT power grid.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.051, Utilities Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

8 (c-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a  
9 person, including an electric utility or municipally owned utility,  
10 may not interconnect a facility to the ERCOT transmission grid that  
11 enables additional power to be imported into or exported out of the  
12 ERCOT power grid unless the electric utility or municipally owned  
13 utility obtains a certificate from the commission stating that  
14 public convenience and necessity requires or will require the  
15 interconnection. The commission shall apply Section 37.056 in  
16 considering an application under this subsection. In addition, the  
17 commission must determine that the application is consistent with  
18 the public interest before granting the certificate. The  
19 commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.  
20 This subsection does not apply to a facility that is in service on  
21 December 31, 2014.

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