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S.B. No. 933

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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