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S.B. No. 1905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to
3 adopt certain rules related to ratemaking procedures and to the
4 status of previously adopted rules.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.010065 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 81.010065. ADOPTION OF CERTAIN RULES; PREVIOUS RULES
9 NULL AND VOID. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
10 commission may not adopt a rule that relates to the commission's
11 ratemaking proceedings, including a rule relating to discovery
12 limitations, alignment of parties, reimbursement of a
13 municipality's reasonable cost of participating in ratemaking
14 proceedings, or collection of rate case expenses from ratepayers of
15 gas utilities, unless the rule is identical in substance to a rule
16 that existed before January 1, 2014.

17 (b) A rule adopted by the commission on or after January 1,
18 2014, and before September 1, 2015, that relates to the
19 commission's ratemaking proceedings, including a rule relating to
20 discovery limitations, alignment of parties, reimbursement of a
21 municipality's reasonable cost of participating in ratemaking
22 proceedings, or collection of rate case expenses from ratepayers of
23 gas utilities, is null and void.

24 (c) This section expires September 1, 2017.

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