

Amend CSSB 3 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. STUDY OF INVOLUNTARY LOAD SHEDDING UPGRADES.

(a) In this section, "electric distribution utility" includes:

- (1) a transmission and distribution utility, as that term is defined by Section 31.002, Utilities Code;
- (2) a municipally owned utility; and
- (3) an electric cooperative.

(b) Not later than 180 days after the effective date of this Act, the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall:

(1) conduct a study on the feasibility of requiring each electric distribution utility to:

(A) install and connect to an information network, for each customer, an advanced meter capable of allowing the utility to shut off the customer's power when involuntary load shedding is necessary; and

(B) develop or acquire the equipment and software necessary to shut off a customer's power in the event of involuntary load shedding by using advanced meters;

(2) prepare a report with the results of the study and recommendations for achieving:

(A) the deployment of advanced meters in this state for the purpose of involuntary load shedding; and

(B) the development or acquisition of equipment and software by electric distribution utilities for the purpose of involuntary load shedding using advanced meters; and

(3) issue the report to:

(A) the governor;

(B) the lieutenant governor;

(C) the speaker of the house of representatives;

and

(D) each member of the legislature.