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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that operators of wind power facilities post signs with certain identifying information.

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

SECTION 1.  Title 6, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Chapter 302 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 302. WIND POWER FACILITY SIGNS

Sec. 302.0101.  DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1)  "Commission" means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

(2)  "Wind power facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 301.0001.

Sec. 302.0102.  POWER TO REGULATE. (a) The commission may regulate a wind power facility as necessary to carry out the commission's duties under this chapter.

(b)  The commission may enforce the provisions of this chapter in the manner provided by Chapter 15 for the administrative enforcement of Title 2.

Sec. 302.0103.  IDENTIFYING SIGNS REQUIRED FOR WIND POWER FACILITIES. An operator of a wind power facility shall post at each entrance to the facility a sign that:

(1)  includes:

(A)  the name of the facility;

(B)  the name of the owner of the facility;

(C)  the name, business address, and phone number of the operator of the facility;

(D)  the number of acres in the lot on which the facility is located;

(E)  the county in which the sign is located; and

(F)  emergency contact information;

(2)  uses contrasting colors with block letters at least one inch in height; and

(3)  is displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.