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H.B. No. 2476

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing gas or electric service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 86, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 86.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.044. WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. The commission by rule shall require an operator of a gas well to implement measures to prepare the well to operate during a weather emergency.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 35, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 35.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.0021. WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. The commission by rule shall require each provider of generation in the ERCOT power region to implement measures to prepare generation facilities to provide adequate electric generation service during a weather emergency.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.074 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.074. WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. The commission by rule shall require each electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, and transmission and distribution utility providing transmission or distribution service in the ERCOT power region to implement measures to prepare facilities to

1 maintain service quality and reliability during a weather  
2 emergency.

3 SECTION 4. Section 121.2015(a), Utilities Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) The railroad commission shall adopt rules regarding:

6 (1) public education and awareness relating to gas  
7 pipeline facilities; ~~and~~

8 (2) community liaison for responding to an emergency  
9 relating to a gas pipeline facility; and

10 (3) measures gas pipeline facility operators must  
11 implement to prepare gas pipeline facilities to maintain service  
12 quality and reliability during a weather emergency.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.