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H.B. No. 2481

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the winter weather emergency preparedness of gas pipeline facilities and facilities for providing electric service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 35, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 35.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.0021. WINTER 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 winter weather emergency.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 38, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 38.074 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.074. WINTER 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 maintain service quality and reliability during a winter weather emergency.

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

(a) The railroad commission shall adopt rules regarding:

(1) public education and awareness relating to gas

1 pipeline facilities; [~~and~~]

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

4 (3) measures gas pipeline facility operators must
5 implement to prepare gas pipeline facilities to maintain service
6 quality and reliability during a winter weather emergency.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.