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H.B. No. 3881

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of an advisory committee by the Railroad
3 Commission of Texas to facilitate the movement of natural gas to
4 high priority customers during periods of emergency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Amend Subchapter C, Natural Resources Code by
7 adding a new Section 82.01 to read as follows:

8 Sec 81.073 CREATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE THE
9 MOVEMENT OF NATURAL GAS TO HUMAN NEEDS CUSTOMERS DURING AN
10 EMERGENCY. (a) The Railroad Commission will establish an advisory
11 committee to be known as the Texas Energy Reliability Council
12 (TERC) to coordinate and facilitate natural gas supplies to human
13 needs and other high priority needs during emergencies when the
14 supply of natural gas may not be sufficient to meet the demand for
15 natural gas. It may establish the TERC by either adopting a rule or
16 by entering an order

17 (b) The Railroad Commission will appoint the members of the
18 TERC to include at least the following:

19 (1) representatives of state agencies or other
20 governmental entities that the Railroad Commission determines will
21 be necessary or useful in accomplishing the goals of the TERC;

22 (2) entities which operate facilities essential or
23 useful to the natural gas supply chain;

24 (3) entities which operate facilities essential or

1 useful to the provision of electric power to human needs customer;

2 (4) organizations or individuals with useful
3 knowledge of the natural gas supply chain or the provision of
4 electric power to the public.

5 (c) The Railroad Commission is authorized to convene the
6 TERC at such time and places and in such manner as it deems
7 necessary or useful in accomplishing the goals of TERC.

8 (d) The Railroad Commission will appoint a Chairman from
9 among the members it appoints

10 (e) Chapter 2110 Government Code does not apply to the
11 Commission or the TERC with regard to the creation or operation of
12 TERC.

13 (f) The TERC is not a governmental entity subject to
14 Chapters 551 or 552 of the Government Code.

15 (g) The Railroad Commission shall adopt such rules as it
16 deems necessary or useful with regard to the organization and
17 operation of the TERC.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article II, Texas Constitution. If this Act
21 does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act
22 takes effect September 1, 2021.