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S.B. No. 1479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the participation of distributed energy resources in the ERCOT market.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.9165 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.9165. PARTICIPATION OF DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE MARKET. (a) In this section, "distributed energy resource" means a generation resource that:

(1) provides generation, storage, or both;

(2) is interconnected at or below 60 kilovolts; and

(3) operates in parallel with the distribution system.

(b) The commission by rule shall allow a person who owns or operates a distributed energy resource with an installed capacity of 10 megawatts or less to participate in the ancillary and wholesale energy market in the ERCOT power region.

(c) In allowing for the participation of a person who owns or operates a distributed energy resource to participate under Subsection (b), the commission shall adopt interconnection, registration, qualification, telemetry, data submission, and compliance requirements that are less rigorous than requirements for a generation resource that is not a distributed energy resource.

(d) The commission shall allow a person to aggregate

1 distributed energy resources that are geographically linked to an
2 electric bus or node for participation as an aggregated resource in
3 the ancillary and wholesale energy market in the ERCOT power
4 region.

5 SECTION 2. The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall
6 adopt the rules required by Section 39.9165, Utilities Code, as
7 added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2023.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.