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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation and use of the electricity supply chain map.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 38.201, Utilities Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a)  In this subchapter, "electricity supply chain" means:

(1)  facilities and methods used for producing, treating, processing, pressurizing, storing, or transporting natural gas for delivery to electric generation facilities; [~~and~~]

(2)  critical infrastructure necessary to maintain electricity service; and

(3)  roads necessary to access facilities in the electricity supply chain.

(a-1)  A reference in this subchapter to the "electricity supply chain" includes water and wastewater treatment plants.

(b)  The Texas Electricity Supply Chain Security and Mapping Committee is established to:

(1)  map this state's electricity supply chain;

(2)  identify critical infrastructure sources in the electricity supply chain;

(3)  establish best practices to prepare facilities [~~that provide electric service and natural gas service~~] in the electricity supply chain to maintain service in an extreme weather event and recommend oversight and compliance standards for those facilities; and

(4)  designate priority service needs to prepare for, respond to, and recover from an extreme weather event.

(c)  The committee is composed of:

(1)  the executive director of the commission;

(2)  the executive director of the Railroad Commission of Texas;

(3)  the president and the chief executive officer of the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region; [~~and~~]

(4)  the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management; and

(5)  the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2.  Section 38.202(c), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The commission, the Railroad Commission of Texas, [~~and~~] the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas Department of Transportation shall provide staff as necessary to assist the committee in carrying out the committee's duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 3.  Sections 38.203(a) and (e), Utilities Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  The committee shall:

(1)  map the state's electricity supply chain in order to designate priority electricity service needs during extreme weather events;

(2)  identify and designate the sources in the electricity supply chain necessary to operate critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 421.001, Government Code;

(3)  develop a communication system between critical infrastructure sources, the commission, and the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region to ensure that electricity and natural gas supplies in the electricity supply chain are prioritized to those sources during an extreme weather event; and

(4)  establish best practices to prepare facilities [~~that provide electric service and natural gas service~~] in the electricity supply chain to maintain service in an extreme weather event and recommend oversight and compliance standards for those facilities.

(e)  The committee shall provide [~~the Texas Energy Reliability Council with~~] access to the electricity supply chain map to:

(1)  the Texas Energy Reliability Council; and

(2)  Texas Department of Transportation staff whose duties include making repairs after disasters or emergencies.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.