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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation and use of the electricity supply chain
3 map.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) establish best practices to prepare facilities
24 ~~[that provide electric service and natural gas service]~~ in the

1 electricity supply chain to maintain service in an extreme weather
2 event and recommend oversight and compliance standards for those
3 facilities; and

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

6 (c) The committee is composed of:

7 (1) the executive director of the commission;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (a) The committee shall:

27 (1) map the state's electricity supply chain in order

1 to designate priority electricity service needs during extreme
2 weather events;

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

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

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

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

- 20 (1) the Texas Energy Reliability Council; and
21 (2) Texas Department of Transportation staff whose
22 duties include making repairs after disasters or emergencies.

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