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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting by operators of certain gas supply chain facilities and gas pipeline facilities on a failure to perform a contractual obligation due to a weather emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 86.044, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

(g-1) The commission by rule shall require each operator of a gas supply chain facility that fails to perform a contractual obligation related to the provision of natural gas in the electricity supply chain as mapped under Section 38.203, Utilities Code, due to force majeure during a weather emergency to report the failure and force majeure to the commission not later than the 60th day after the date of the failure. Information provided by an operator of a gas supply chain facility under this subsection is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, unless the requestor is a party to the contract.

SECTION 2. Section 121.2015, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) The railroad commission by rule shall require each gas pipeline facility operator described by Subsection (a)(3) that fails to perform a contractual obligation regarding the provision of gas in the electricity supply chain as mapped under Section 38.203 due to force majeure during a weather emergency to report the

failure and force majeure to the railroad commission not later than the 60th day after the date of the failure. Information provided by a gas pipeline facility operator under this subsection is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, unless the requestor is a party to the contract.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.