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H.B. No. 1606

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice provided to a retail electric customer of the procedure for requesting vegetation management near a transmission or distribution line.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17.003, Utilities Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d-1) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(d-1) An electric utility providing electric delivery service for a retail electric provider, as defined by Section 31.002, shall provide to the retail electric provider, and the retail electric provider shall periodically provide to the retail electric provider's retail customers together with bills sent to the customers, information about:

(1) the electric utility's procedures for implementing involuntary load shedding initiated by the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region;

(2) the types of customers who may be considered critical care residential customers, critical load industrial customers, or critical load according to commission rules adopted under Section 38.076;

(3) the procedure for a customer to apply to be considered a critical care residential customer, a critical load

1 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules
2 adopted under Section 38.076; ~~and~~

3 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
4 load shedding events may be implemented; and

5 (5) the procedure for a customer to request vegetation
6 management near a transmission or distribution line.

7 (d-2) A retail electric utility shall periodically provide
8 with bills sent to retail customers of the utility information
9 about the procedure for a customer to request vegetation management
10 near a transmission or distribution line.

11 SECTION 2. Section 17.005(f), Utilities Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (f) A municipally owned utility shall periodically provide
14 with bills sent to retail customers of the utility information
15 about:

16 (1) the utility's procedure for implementing
17 involuntary load shedding;

18 (2) the types of customers who may be considered
19 critical care residential customers, critical load industrial
20 customers, or critical load according to commission rules adopted
21 under Section 38.076;

22 (3) the procedure for a customer to apply to be
23 considered a critical care residential customer, a critical load
24 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules
25 adopted under Section 38.076; ~~and~~

26 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
27 load shedding events may be implemented; and

1 (5) the procedure for a customer to request vegetation
2 management near a transmission or distribution line.

3 SECTION 3. Section 17.006(f), Utilities Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (f) An electric cooperative shall periodically provide with
6 bills sent to retail customers of the cooperative information
7 about:

8 (1) the cooperative's procedure for implementing
9 involuntary load shedding;

10 (2) the types of customers who may be considered
11 critical care residential customers, critical load industrial
12 customers, or critical load according to commission rules adopted
13 under Section 38.076;

14 (3) the procedure for a customer to apply to be
15 considered a critical care residential customer, a critical load
16 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules
17 adopted under Section 38.076; ~~and~~

18 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
19 load shedding events may be implemented; and

20 (5) the procedure for a customer to request vegetation
21 management near a transmission or distribution line.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.