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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.