

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1606
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2025;
1-3 April 29, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Business & Commerce; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to notice provided to a retail electric customer of the
1-22 procedure for requesting vegetation management near a transmission
1-23 or distribution line.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 17.003, Utilities Code, is amended by
1-26 amending Subsection (d-1) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as
1-27 follows:

1-28 (d-1) An electric utility providing electric delivery
1-29 service for a retail electric provider, as defined by Section
1-30 31.002, shall provide to the retail electric provider, and the
1-31 retail electric provider shall periodically provide to the retail
1-32 electric provider's retail customers together with bills sent to
1-33 the customers, information about:

1-34 (1) the electric utility's procedures for implementing
1-35 involuntary load shedding initiated by the independent
1-36 organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power
1-37 region;

1-38 (2) the types of customers who may be considered
1-39 critical care residential customers, critical load industrial
1-40 customers, or critical load according to commission rules adopted
1-41 under Section 38.076;

1-42 (3) the procedure for a customer to apply to be
1-43 considered a critical care residential customer, a critical load
1-44 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules
1-45 adopted under Section 38.076; ~~and~~

1-46 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
1-47 load shedding events may be implemented; and

1-48 (5) the procedure for a customer to request vegetation
1-49 management near a transmission or distribution line.

1-50 (d-2) A retail electric utility shall periodically provide
1-51 with bills sent to retail customers of the utility information
1-52 about the procedure for a customer to request vegetation management
1-53 near a transmission or distribution line.

1-54 SECTION 2. Section 17.005(f), Utilities Code, is amended to
1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (f) A municipally owned utility shall periodically provide
1-57 with bills sent to retail customers of the utility information
1-58 about:

1-59 (1) the utility's procedure for implementing
1-60 involuntary load shedding;

1-61 (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 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules adopted under Section 38.076; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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