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S.B. No. 1308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the development by certain entities providing electric  
3 service in the ERCOT power region of a communication plan for use  
4 during a weather emergency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.075, Utilities Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

8 (c-1) The commission by rule shall require each electric  
9 cooperative, municipally owned utility, and transmission and  
10 distribution utility providing transmission service in the ERCOT  
11 power region to develop a communication plan for use during a  
12 weather emergency. The communication plan must:

13 (1) include the operation by the cooperative or  
14 utility of a priority telephone hotline to allow only the following  
15 types of customers to report and request information regarding a  
16 power outage, including requesting an estimated time for  
17 restoration of electric service:

18 (A) critical care residential customers, as  
19 defined by Section 17.002;

20 (B) critical load industrial customers, as  
21 defined by Section 17.002;

22 (C) facilities listed in Section 38.072(b); and

23 (D) customers designated as critical load  
24 according to commission rules adopted under Section 38.076; and

1           (2) describe the methods the cooperative or utility  
2 will use to inform customers described by Subdivision (1) about the  
3 priority telephone hotline.

4           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.