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S.B. No. 1309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the frequency of the notice provided to a retail electric customer by certain electric utilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17.003(d-1), Utilities Code, is amended 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 at least quarterly 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 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules adopted under Section 38.076; and

1 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
2 load shedding events may be implemented.

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

5 (f) A municipally owned utility at least quarterly shall
6 [~~periodically~~] provide with bills sent to retail customers of the
7 utility information about:

8 (1) the utility'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.

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

22 (f) An electric cooperative at least quarterly shall
23 [~~periodically~~] provide with bills sent to retail customers of the
24 cooperative information about:

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

27 (2) the types of customers who may be considered

1 critical care residential customers, critical load industrial
2 customers, or critical load according to commission rules adopted
3 under Section 38.076;

4 (3) the procedure for a customer to apply to be
5 considered a critical care residential customer, a critical load
6 industrial customer, or critical load according to commission rules
7 adopted under Section 38.076; and

8 (4) reducing electricity use at times when involuntary
9 load shedding events may be implemented.

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