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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

| 1  | AN ACT  |
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| 2  | relating to public information regarding the rates of a             |
| 3  | transmission and distribution utility.                              |
| 4  | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:             |
| 5  | SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is             |
| 6  | amended by adding Section 39.113 to read as follows:                |
| 7  | Sec. 39.113. RATE TRANSPARENCY. (a) A transmission and              |
| 8  | distribution utility shall provide with each statement of intent to |
| 9  | change rates filed under Chapter 36, and any other filing made with |
| 10 | a regulatory authority under this subtitle regarding a change in    |
| 11 | the utility's rates, a stand-alone document that shows:             |
| 12 | (1) the change in rate that the filing would apply to               |
| 13 | <pre>each rate class;</pre>   |
| 14 | (2) the time period during which the proposed change                |
| 15 | <pre>will be in effect;</pre>                                       |
| 16 | (3) for a base rate increase, the anticipated total                 |
| 17 | amount of revenue the utility will receive from the increase during |
| 18 | the four-year period following the proposed implementation date of  |
| 19 | the change;   |
| 20 | (4) for a change other than a base rate change, the                 |
| 21 | anticipated total amount of revenue the utility will receive from   |
| 22 | the change during the period in which the change is in effect;      |
| 23 | (5) the delivery charges being imposed by the utility               |
| 24 | at the time of the filing for an average residential customer;      |

- 1 (6) the anticipated delivery charges that would be
- 2 imposed by the utility for an average residential customer after
- 3 the change; and
- 4 (7) the difference between the amounts shown under
- 5 Subdivisions (5) and (6).
- 6 (b) The commission shall require the document required by
- 7 Subsection (a) to be filed in a format easily understood by the
- 8 public.
- 9 <u>(c) If the regulatory authority proposes to enter an order</u>
- 10 approving a change in rates described by Subsection (a) that
- 11 differs from the change initially proposed by the transmission and
- 12 distribution utility, the regulatory authority shall require the
- 13 utility to provide to the regulatory authority a new stand-alone
- 14 document that includes the information required by Subsection (a)
- 15 for the proposed change.
- 16 (d) The commission shall provide, and update at least
- 17 monthly, on the commission's Internet website or the commission's
- 18 Power to Choose Internet website information on the rates of
- 19 transmission and distribution utilities in a format easily
- 20 understood by the public.
- 21 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 22 a proceeding before the Public Utility Commission of Texas or other
- 23 regulatory authority described by Section 11.003, Utilities Code,
- 24 that commences on or after the effective date of this Act. A
- 25 proceeding before the Public Utility Commission of Texas or other
- 26 regulatory authority described by Section 11.003, Utilities Code,
- 27 that commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by

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- 1 the law in effect on the date the proceeding commenced, and that law
- 2 is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.