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S.B. No. 1664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public information regarding the rates of a transmission and distribution utility.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.113 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.113. RATE TRANSPARENCY. (a) A transmission and distribution utility shall provide with each statement of intent to change rates filed under Chapter 36, and any other filing made with a regulatory authority under this subtitle regarding a change in the utility's rates, a stand-alone document that shows:

(1) the change in rate that the filing would apply to each rate class;

(2) the time period during which the proposed change will be in effect;

(3) for a base rate increase, the anticipated total amount of revenue the utility will receive from the increase during the four-year period following the proposed implementation date of the change;

(4) for a change other than a base rate change, the anticipated total amount of revenue the utility will receive from the change during the period in which the change is in effect;

(5) the delivery charges being imposed by the utility 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 (c) If the regulatory authority proposes to enter an order
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

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.