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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from or reimbursement of electricity transmission distribution charges for residential ratepayers of property directly affected by extra high voltage transmission lines.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 309.2031 to read as follows:

Sec. 309.2031. TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION EXEMPTION OR REIMBURSEMENT RELATED TO EXTRA HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES.

(a) The commission shall require a transmission and distribution utility that constructs, leases, owns, or operates extra high voltage transmission lines to exempt from, or reimburse on a semi-annual basis, one hundred percent of the transmission and distribution charges imposed on a residential retail customer whose property is adjacent to an extra high voltage transmission line and from whom real property was acquired, via eminent domain or otherwise, for construction of the extra high voltage transmission line.

(b) The requirements in this section apply without regard to whether the transmission distribution utility that owns or operates the extra high voltage transmission line is the transmission distribution provider to the affected property and ratepayer.

(c) The exemption or reimbursement rights created by this

section shall continue until the earlier of:

(1) the conversion of the residential ratepayer's property from a residential or agricultural use that preceded the construction of the extra high voltage transmission line to any other commercial or industrial use; or

(2) September 1, 2076.

(d) Subject to subsection (c), the exemption or reimbursement rights created by this section are assignable and transferable by the residential ratepayer in a contract for sale of the affected property.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2076.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.