

1-1 By: Moody, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez) H.B. No. 853
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 8, 2019;
 1-3 April 9, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; April 29, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 29, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the deployment of advanced metering and meter
 1-20 information networks in certain areas outside of ERCOT.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 39.5521 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 39.5521. METERING. (a) Notwithstanding Section
 1-25 39.552, an electric utility subject to this subchapter that elects
 1-26 to deploy advanced metering and meter information networks may
 1-27 recover reasonable and necessary costs incurred in deploying
 1-28 advanced metering and meter information networks. An electric
 1-29 utility that elects to deploy advanced metering or meter
 1-30 information networks is subject to commission rules adopted under
 1-31 Sections 39.107(h) and (k). The commission shall ensure that any
 1-32 deployment plan approved under this section and any related
 1-33 customer surcharge:

1-34 (1) are not applicable to customer accounts that
 1-35 receive service at transmission voltage; and

1-36 (2) are consistent with commission rules related to
 1-37 advanced metering systems regarding:

1-38 (A) customer protections;

1-39 (B) data security, privacy, and ownership; and

1-40 (C) options given consumers to continue to
 1-41 receive service through a non-advanced meter.

1-42 (b) An electric utility subject to this subchapter that
 1-43 elects to deploy an advanced meter information network shall deploy
 1-44 the network as rapidly as practicable to allow customers to better
 1-45 manage energy use and control costs.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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