

1-1 By: Price, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 986  
 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 by certain non-ERCOT utilities.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 39.402, Utilities Code, is amended by  
 1-23 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

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

1-33 (1) are not applicable to customer accounts that  
 1-34 receive service at transmission voltage; and

1-35 (2) are consistent with commission rules related to  
 1-36 advanced metering systems regarding:

1-37 (A) customer protections;

1-38 (B) data security, privacy, and ownership; and

1-39 (C) options given consumers to continue to  
 1-40 receive service through a non-advanced meter.

1-41 (f) An electric utility subject to this subchapter that  
 1-42 elects to deploy an advanced meter information network shall deploy  
 1-43 the network as rapidly as practicable to allow customers to better  
 1-44 manage energy use and control costs.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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