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H.B. No. 1101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to extending the period over which the balance of the system benefit fund is to be eliminated.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.903(m), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(m) This section expires September 1, 2017 [2016].

SECTION 2. Section 39.9039, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.9039. ELIMINATION OF SYSTEM BENEFIT FUND BALANCE.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 39.903(b), the commission shall set the nonbypassable system benefit fund fee at the amount of zero cents per megawatt hour for the period beginning September 1, 2013, and ending September 1, 2017 [2016].

(b) Notwithstanding Section 39.903(e), money in the system benefit fund may be appropriated:

(1) ~~[for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2013, a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of September, 2013, and May through August, 2014, in the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 82 percent,~~

~~[(2)]~~ for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014, to a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the

1 months of September, 2014, and May through August, 2015, in the
2 manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 15
3 percent;

4 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ for the state fiscal year beginning
5 September 1, 2015, to a program established by the commission to
6 assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate
7 for the months of September, 2015, and May through August, 2016, in
8 the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 33
9 ~~[15]~~ percent;

10 (3) for the state fiscal year beginning September 1,
11 2016, to a program established by the commission to assist
12 low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the
13 months of September, 2016, and May through August, 2017, in the
14 manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate the commission
15 determines is necessary to exhaust the system benefit fund; and

16 (4) for customer education programs and
17 administrative expenses incurred by the commission in implementing
18 and administering this chapter.

19 (c) This section expires September 1, 2017 ~~[2016]~~.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.