

81st Legislative Session Wrap-up

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HB 1783 by Solomons

 HB 1783 requires the PUC and ERCOT broadcast – at no charge via the internet – all public meetings of the governing body of these entities.

 The cost of broadcasting would be borne by an assessment on public utilities, river authorities, REPs serving more than 250,000 customers and power generation companies that own more than 5,000 MW of installed capacity in this state.



HB 3309 by Gattis

 HB 3309 was originally filed to allow the PUC to consolidate certain CCN cases.

It was amended to:

- require Entergy to file a competitive generation tariff
- allow the PUC to order an emergency transfer of power from one grid to another
- require utilities deploying advanced meters to seek federal money for that purpose
- allow the PUC to grant a certificate to a provider not currently certificated as an electric utility or to a provider that is not an electric utility



SB 1492 by Williams

• SB 1492 by Williams effectively ends the Entergy Transition to Competition case at the PUC.



Sunset Legislation - HB 1959 by Isett (still on the table?)

- HB 1959 is legislation that is filed each session as a "fail-safe" to the Sunset process.
- The legislation sets the timing of Sunset review for state agencies in the future and also is used to continue agencies whose Sunset legislation is in jeopardy of not passing during a session.
- Isett's bill would have placed ERCOT, Inc. under Sunset review but would not allow the Sunset Commission to abolish ERCOT, Inc.
- The bill died on the last day of session. A special session may be called to address agencies that were in the bill.

