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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 727

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Kasemeyer” and substitute “, Kasemeyer, and Brochin”; strike beginning with “contact” in line 3 down through “circumstances” in line 5 and substitute “use its website to provide notice of its upcoming scheduled tree care activities”; strike beginning with “to” in line 5 down through “circumstances” in line 6 and substitute “, at least once each year, to include with its billing materials a certain written description detailing where certain information may be obtained on its website”; and strike beginning with “for” in line 7 down through “circumstances” in line 9 and substitute “a certain notice to affected customers using at least one of certain specified methods; providing an exception to complying with certain requirements under this Act; requiring an electric company to submit to the Public Service Commission a certain report on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commission to review a certain schedule and include certain links on its website; providing that an electric company is not required to submit certain changes regarding its scheduled tree care activities to the Commission under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 31, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “TREE CARE ACTIVITIES” MEANS THE TRIMMING, PRUNING, THINNING, SHAPING, REMOVING, OR REDUCING OF THE CROWN OF TREES.

(II) “TREE CARE ACTIVITIES” DOES NOT INCLUDE MOWING OR GROWTH CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

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(2) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO TREE CARE ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO OPERATE AT MORE THAN 100,000 VOLTS.

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL:

(I) USE ITS WEBSITE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF ITS UPCOMING SCHEDULED TREE CARE ACTIVITIES; AND

(II) AT LEAST ONE TIME ANNUALLY, INCLUDE WITH ITS BILLING MATERIALS A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION DETAILING WHERE INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED ON ITS WEBSITE ABOUT ITS SCHEDULED TREE CARE ACTIVITIES.

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO AFFECTED CUSTOMERS OF ITS UPCOMING SCHEDULED TREE CARE ACTIVITIES USING AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

(I) PERSONAL CONTACT;

(II) PHONE CALLS;

(III) DOOR HANGERS;

(IV) MAILED NOTICES;

(V) BILL INSERTS;

(VI) NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS; OR

(VII) NOTIFICATION TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WHO GOVERN THE AREA OF THE UPCOMING SCHEDULED TREE CARE ACTIVITIES.

(5) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY MAY CONDUCT ANY TREE CARE ACTIVITIES WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE TREE CARE ACTIVITIES ARE REQUIRED TO:

(I) ADDRESS DAMAGE OR THREATS TO SYSTEM RELIABILITY, INCLUDING THOSE THAT RESULT FROM A FALLEN OR STRUCTURALLY FAILING TREE, WEATHER-RELATED EVENT, NATURAL DISASTER, OR OTHER CATASTROPHIC EVENT;

(II) RESTORE ELECTRIC SERVICE; OR

(III) ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY.

(6) (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, AN ELECTRIC COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION ITS PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF TREE CARE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE SCHEDULE AND INCLUDE A LINK ON ITS WEBSITE TO EACH ELECTRIC COMPANY'S WEBSITE THAT HAS SUBMITTED ITS PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF TREE CARE ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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(III) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSION ANY CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR TO ITS PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF TREE CARE ACTIVITIES SUBMITTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH IF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY UPDATES ITS WEBSITE WITH THE CHANGES."