

Delaying Retail Electric Competition in AEP SWEPCO

HB 870 by Rep. Hughes

AECT Position: Neutral

Proposal

- HB 870 would delay activities related to the transition to competition in the AEP SWEPCO region.
- In order for the AEP SWEPCO service area to transition to retail electric competition:
 - the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) would be required to take several assessments of the region's suitability for competition and ultimately find that the electric utility can offer fair competition and reliable service to all retail customer classes; and
 - the Texas Legislature must enact legislation authorizing the implementation of retail competition by the utility.

AECT Position

- AECT is neutral on HB 870.