

Requirements related to the Display of Month-to-Month Prices on powertochoose.org

HB 3249 by Rep. Bohac

Proposal

- HB 3249 would require each retail electric provider (REP) to provide the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) the REP's price for month-to-month service, whether the REP offers this service.
- That information would be included on powertochoose.org, the PUC-administered electric choice Web site.
- The PUC would not require the PUC to affirm that the information displayed at powertochoose.org is a complete and accurate list of all REP offers in the marketplace.

AECT Position

- AECT supports ensuring retail customers have access to electric service offer information available in the marketplace. Indeed, today we have competition among different websites to provide this information.
- HB 3249 would require a REP to make available all of its month-to-month pricing options available on the Power to Choose website, regardless of whether all of those pricing options are available to new residential applicants.
- Month-to-month prices are often reset in less than a month due to price fluctuations in power. There is not a single price for monthly service, but possibly several at one time. Posting multiple prices would lead to customer confusion; for example, the latest listing may reflect a price that was changed 3 weeks later.
- Since the Power to Choose website is designed to assist residential customers shopping for new service, the information provided thereon should be relevant to new residential applicants – HB 3249 would require month-to-month pricing for commercial offers for service, as well as residential offers.
- AECT is concerned that prescriptive requirements in HB 3249 can limit the flexibility of REPs to offer products in the competitive market and otherwise respond to the market in ways tailored to meet customers' needs.