

Federal Grants and Loans for Advanced Metering and Transmission for Renewable Generation

HB 4309 by Rep. Crownover

AECT Position: Neutral

Proposal

- HB 4309 requires electric utilities to seek federal funding when planning to implement advanced meter systems and network. The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will consider any federal funding achieved when establishing the appropriate nonbypassable charge.
- The bill also requires electric utilities to seek the federal funding and PUC treatment of any achieved funding when providing increased transmission capacity to deliver power produced by renewable generation facilities as part of the competitive renewable energy zone (CREZ) rules.

AECT Position

- AECT recommends that HB 4309 be amended to clarify that federal funds and loan guarantees to be covered under the bill are those designated specifically for the purpose of the designated projects..