



New Requirements for REPs Marketing Electricity

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HB 2563 by Vo

Proposal

- HB 2563 states that anyone who solicits on behalf of a retail electric provider (REP) in the competitive market must be considered an agent of the REP, complying with the PUC's customer protection standards.
- REPs would be required to annually file a report with the PUC that lists the name of each person selling electricity for the REP.
- The PUC would then compile a list of all REP agents and make it available on the PUC's website.

HB 2563 creates unnecessary hurdles for selling electricity to customers

- REPs are required to comply with the PUC's extensive customer protection rules, and are contractually responsible for agents' compliance with those rules. Penalties for violation include:
 - Fines of up to \$1,000 per occurrence per day of violating the no-call list.
 - Fines of up to \$25,000 per occurrence per day for infractions related to prohibited discrimination in the provision of electric service; fraudulent, unfair, misleading, deceptive, or anticompetitive business practices; and conducting business subject to the jurisdiction of the commission without proper authorization
- Requiring REPs to provide a list of all persons who sell electricity on behalf of the REP is unnecessary, burdensome and a violation of employees' privacy.
- Compiling and making the information required by the bill available online creates extensive new administrative requirements for the PUC.

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