

HB1278\_L.003

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Energy & Environment.

HB26-1278 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 3, line 21, before "**definitions**" insert "**rules**".

2 Page 5, after line 22 insert:

3 "(5) (a) PRIOR TO INITIATING A CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING  
4 RELATED TO TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE, AN INVESTOR-OWNED  
5 ELECTRIC UTILITY SHALL CONDUCT EARLY AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY  
6 ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
7 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE  
8 PROPOSED TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE.

9 (b) AN INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY SHALL MAKE GOOD  
10 FAITH EFFORTS TO ENGAGE WITH DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED  
11 COMMUNITIES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-4-109 (2)(b)(II), THAT MAY  
12 EXPERIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, ECONOMIC, OR LAND USE IMPACTS  
13 FROM THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE.

14 (c) THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION  
15 (5) MUST INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM:

16 (I) PROVIDING TIMELY PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED  
17 TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT;

18 (II) PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND  
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING POTENTIAL  
20 COMMUNITY IMPACTS;

21 (III) MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE  
22 ACCESS TO FACILITATE MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION; AND

23 (IV) MAINTAINING A RECORD OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
24 ACTIVITIES AND FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY  
25 ORGANIZATIONS, AND RELEVANT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

26 (d) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO  
27 IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (5)."

28 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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