

By Senator Wilson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to electric utility  
3           transmission; requiring the Public Service  
4           Commission to conduct a study of electric  
5           utility transmission; requiring that the  
6           commission cooperate with the Department of  
7           Community Affairs, the Department of Management  
8           Services, and the Department of Health;  
9           directing the commission to study certain  
10          specified issues; requiring the commission to  
11          submit a report to the Governor and the  
12          Legislature by a specified date; providing an  
13          effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Public Service Commission to conduct a  
18 study.--

19           (1) The Public Service Commission shall conduct a  
20 study to evaluate the current electric utility transmission  
21 system, to recommend potential improvements to the system in  
22 order to decrease damage from storms or improve recovery of  
23 the system after storm damage, and to develop recommendations  
24 for improving the emergency response to storm damage to the  
25 electric utility transmission system. The study shall be  
26 conducted in cooperation with the Department of Community  
27 Affairs, the Department of Management Services, and the  
28 Department of Health.

29           (2) The Public Service Commission shall:

30           (a) Evaluate and analyze the current electric utility  
31 transmission and distribution systems and the current

1 telecommunications and cable systems to the extent that they  
2 use the same poles or other facilities as the electric  
3 systems.

4 (b) Compare the current systems with available,  
5 feasible alternatives and determine the costs and benefits of  
6 the current systems and the alternatives, including  
7 consideration of the costs, both direct and indirect, of  
8 continuing the maintenance, upgrading, and protection of the  
9 current systems. Cost comparisons should include scheduled  
10 inspections to ensure that the system is maintained at its  
11 maximum efficiency and durability.

12 (c) Evaluate the problems caused by storm damages and  
13 problems with emergency response and restoration of electric,  
14 telecommunications, and cable systems.

15 (d) Evaluate the current electrical needs of  
16 facilities that provide critical services and recommend  
17 standards the emergency systems of these facilities should  
18 meet and sustain during postemergency recovery.

19 (3) The commission shall report its findings and  
20 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
21 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by March 1,  
22 2007.

23 Section 2. The sum of \$75,000 is appropriated from the  
24 General Revenue Fund to the Public Service Commission for the  
25 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used to pay the expenses of the  
26 study.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
28 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a study of electric utility transmission. Requires the commission to cooperate with the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Management Services, and the Department of Health. Directs the commission to study certain specified issues. Requires the commission to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date.