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BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 737)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 2, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to emergency planning and coordination for
2 electric transmission line owners, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **478.34 Electric transmission**
2 **emergency planning and coordination.**

3 1. For purposes of this section:

4 a. "*Electric transmission line*" means a high-voltage electric
5 transmission line with a capacity of two hundred kilovolts or
6 more that has been approved for construction on or after July
7 1, 2022, for construction in a federally registered planning
8 authority transmission plan with costs allocated regionally.

9 b. "*Electric transmission line owner*" means an individual or
10 entity that owns and maintains an electric transmission line.

11 c. "*Proclaimed disaster emergency*" means a state of disaster
12 emergency proclaimed by the governor pursuant to section 29C.6.

13 2. a. An electric transmission line owner shall
14 independently develop an emergency response plan and submit the
15 plan to the commission. The plan shall contain at least all of
16 the following information:

17 (1) The name, title, and twenty-four-hour contact information
18 of at least two designated individuals with the authority to
19 coordinate and direct the electric transmission line owner's
20 emergency response and restoration efforts. Each electric
21 transmission line owner shall notify the commission of any change
22 to this contact information within twenty-four hours of the
23 change occurring.

24 (2) Procedures for notifying state and local emergency
25 management agencies and neighboring utilities during a service
26 interruption.

27 (3) Strategies for the staging and mobilization of personnel,
28 equipment, and materials for expeditious restoration.

29 (4) A summary of mutual aid arrangements with other entities
30 for supplemental repair crews and equipment.

31 (5) A methodology for prioritizing the restoration of service
32 to essential facilities, including hospitals, water treatment
33 plants, and public safety communications.

34 b. An electric transmission line owner shall submit an
35 initial emergency response plan to the commission by December 31,

1 2026. Updated plans shall be submitted annually thereafter, or
2 within thirty days of a material change, in the form and manner
3 prescribed by the commission.

4 c. An emergency response plan or information submitted
5 pursuant to this section shall be considered a confidential
6 record and shall be kept confidential, as provided in section
7 22.7, subsection 50. The records shall not be subject to
8 disclosure, except as necessary for the coordination of emergency
9 response and restoration efforts between authorized state and
10 utility personnel.

11 3. a. An electric transmission line owner shall notify the
12 commission in the form and manner prescribed by the commission
13 when it is projected that an outage may result in a loss of
14 service for more than six hours, provided the outage meets the
15 criteria for a significant interruption, as defined by commission
16 rule. Notification shall be made at the earliest possible time
17 after the determination and shall include all of the following:

- 18 (1) The general nature and cause of the interruption.
- 19 (2) The geographic area affected.
- 20 (3) A preliminary assessment of the extent of damage.
- 21 (4) The estimated time for restoration.

22 b. The notice required under paragraph "a" shall be
23 supplemented as more complete or accurate information becomes
24 available, including updates to the estimated restoration time.

25 4. In the event of an actual or imminent proclaimed disaster
26 emergency, the electric transmission line owners shall coordinate
27 operational responses with each other, as necessary, for repair
28 and restoration to occur in an expeditious and orderly manner,
29 and shall provide the commission and the department of homeland
30 security and emergency management with information as requested
31 to facilitate state-level emergency response decision making and
32 assistance.

33 5. An electric transmission line owner that violates any
34 provision of this section or any rule adopted pursuant to this
35 section is subject to a civil penalty, which may be levied by the

1 commission, of not more than one hundred dollars per violation or
2 one thousand dollars per day of a continuing violation, whichever
3 is greater.

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