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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 *b.* An electric transmission line owner shall submit
2 an initial emergency response plan to the commission by
3 December 31, 2026. Updated plans shall be submitted annually
4 thereafter, or within thirty days of a material change, in the
5 form and manner prescribed by the commission.

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

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

21 (1) The general nature and cause of the interruption.

22 (2) The geographic area affected.

23 (3) A preliminary assessment of the extent of damage.

24 (4) The estimated time for restoration.

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

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

1 5. An electric transmission line owner that violates any
2 provision of this section or any rule adopted pursuant to this
3 section is subject to a civil penalty, which may be levied
4 by the commission, of not more than one hundred dollars per
5 violation or one thousand dollars per day of a continuing
6 violation, whichever is greater.