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AN ACT

relating to certain purchases by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 2155, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2155.149 to read as follows:

Sec. 2155.149. CERTAIN PURCHASES BY RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS. (a) The Railroad Commission of Texas is delegated all purchasing functions relating to purchases under:

(1) Chapter 89, Natural Resources Code; or

(2) Sections 91.111 and 91.112, Natural Resources Code.

(b) The Railroad Commission of Texas shall acquire goods and services, under Subsection (a), by any procurement method that provides the best value to the railroad commission. The railroad commission shall consider the best value standards listed in Section 2155.074.

(c) The commission shall procure goods and services, under Subsection (a), for the Railroad Commission of Texas at the request of the railroad commission, and the railroad commission may use the services of the commission in procuring goods and services.

SECTION 2. Section 81.057, Natural Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.057. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN PURCHASING RULES. The commission is not required to follow any purchasing procedures

1 prescribed by or under the following laws when the commission makes
2 a purchase in connection with the remediation of surface locations
3 or well plugging:

- 4 (1) Subchapter E, Chapter 2155, Government Code; and
5 (2) [~~Section 2161.003 or 2161.004, Government Code,~~
6 [~~(3) Subchapters D and F, Chapter 2161, Government~~
7 ~~Code, and~~
8 [~~(4)~~] Subchapters B and C, Chapter 2177, Government
9 Code.

10 SECTION 3. Section 81.021, Natural Resources Code, is
11 repealed.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Newkumst

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 773 was passed by the House on April 6, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 773 on May 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 773 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Daisy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUNE '05

Date

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Governor

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