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WHERE TO START



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Response and acceptance to change can be difficult for companies to embrace, including electric utilities, so it's important for a single party to be assigned the task of "herding cattle." Over the past seven months, Sendero has partnered hand-in-hand with a utility company serving the North Texas market to help ensure compliance with House Bill 4150 is achieved by the deadline established in the bill. Here are a few tips that have been successful so far:



Read, read, read... and understand the text of the bill.

Present your understanding of the bill, its contents, and impact to the organization to ensure alignment on scope and objectives. Failure to take this step will result in lengthy delays to kicking off compliance efforts.



Identify which solution components can be recorded as a "regulatory asset."

Costs incurred by an electric utility to comply with certain sections of House Bill 4150 can be recorded as a regulatory asset for timely recovery in wholesale transmission rates.



Plan ahead. Compliance with minimum clearance standards, or NESC Vertical Clearance Standards, is a multi-year effort and one that will require budget allocation on an annual basis to address.



Identify the correct team to deliver and meet the requirements of the project.

For example, if you know you're going to need additional technology such as hardware and / or software to support the project, engage an architect in the beginning.



Understand the electric utility company's software development and technology project delivery methodology.

Some providers execute projects following a more sequential or waterfall model, while others employ an agile framework, and your understanding will only help to promote the momentum of compliance efforts.



Develop effective communication and reporting techniques and report on status weekly, including risks and issues encountered.

This will help maintain team engagement and ensure agreement across all parties.



Hold regular checkpoints with representatives from all teams involved in delivering the project.

With a short timeline for ensuring compliance, it is important that when encountered, roadblocks are quickly removed.



Monitor and assess the performance of vendors and contractors.

Ideally, the same vendors will be involved from beginning to end, but sometimes it is necessary to make a change to ensure the effort stays on track.

Hopefully, these pointers have provided clearer insight on where and how to start becoming compliant. If you're experiencing something similar, we would love to work with you to ensure your business and people are ready to embrace and implement new changes taking effect.

[Contact us](#) and connect with a consultant for more information.