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Texas Public Power Association Statement on Governor Abbott's Plan to Force a Private Takeover of Municipal Utilities

The Governor's Plan Will Not Reduce Customer Bills

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Municipally-owned utilities (MOUs) have provided affordable and reliable utility services to local communities, some for more than 125 years. Our 72 member cities, serving more than five million Texans in both large urban and small rural cities, understand that affordability is a critical issue for every one of our customers.

MOUs are not-for-profit, and their electric rates are consistently below the state average. Rate comparisons regularly confirm that rates charged by MOUs are lower than or on par with the rates charged in the deregulated areas of the state.

MOUs are locally governed and directly accountable to our communities. Utility employees live, work, shop, and raise their families in the communities they serve. When our customers have questions or concerns, they talk directly with their neighbor.

Unfortunately, the Governor's proposal could actually increase Texans' bills, while reducing the level of customer service they currently receive. TPPA firmly agrees that Texans deserve reliable electricity service that they can afford, and we look forward to working with the Governor's office to accomplish real reforms in the electricity market that benefit customers across the state.

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About the Texas Public Power Association: *TPPA was founded in 1978 to represent the 72 municipally-owned electric utilities (MOUs) in Texas. In addition to MOUs, the Association's membership also includes several of the state's electric cooperatives and joint action agencies. TPPA member entities deliver electricity to more than 5 million Texans, accounting for approximately 15 percent of daily electric demand on the Texas grid. A number of TPPA members also own, manage or invest in electric transmission and/or generation assets (coal, hydro-power, natural gas, nuclear and renewables), responsible for approximately 15 percent of the state's daily electric generation supply. The Association, which maintains offices in Austin, is led by its board of directors and has a three-person professional staff. For more information visit www.tppa.com*