

AGENDA ITEM 21

Consider adopting an order to join TCAP (Texas CUC Aggregation Project) to aggregate purchasing power for electricity.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

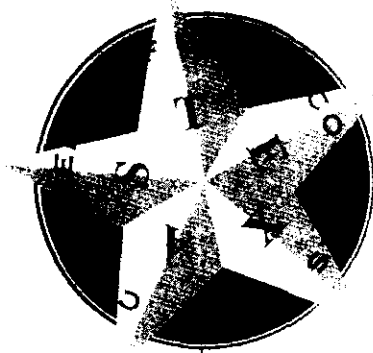
Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To show an interest in joining TCAP (Texas CUC Aggregation Project) to aggregate purchasing power for electricity, and to ask Don Lee to work up a schedule of prices for the county.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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September 11, 2001



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Honorable John Doerfler

County Judge

Williamson County

Williamson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor

Georgetown, TX 78626

Re: Opportunity for CUC Members To Join TCAP To Aggregate Their Purchasing Power For Electricity

Dear Judge Doerfler:

As I am sure you are aware, in less than four months the purchasing of electricity will change for all local governments in Texas if your investor owned utility or current electric provider will no longer be a regulated monopoly. We will all have choices on from whom to purchase electric power and it will be incumbent on us to negotiate the best price for that electricity.

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties researched the best ways for local governments to prepare for the open electric power market. We found that load aggregation, or purchasing pools, are widely considered the best approach to obtaining the best power contracts. With this technique, multiple customers join together, or aggregate, their electric load. Together, the group has the purchasing power to enhance competition and obtain significantly better rates than any one member of the group could get alone.

Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Jefferson Counties, in conjunction with approximately 50 other local governments and political subdivisions, have formed an aggregation group called Texas CUC Aggregation Project, Inc ("TCAP"). The project is organized under chapter 303, Local Government Code, and currently has an aggregated electric load of over \$140 million. TCAP has retained consultants who are experts in competitive power markets, and is busy preparing for the coming changes. We expect approximately 10-12% savings on our costs versus not joining TCAP. Your county can enjoy these savings also.

You will have many options in the new open market. TCAP is designed to maximize savings at the lowest cost available. As other options are developing, we are convinced that TCAP will be the best and least expensive aggregator available to local governments.

TCAP is uniquely qualified to secure the best possible price for electricity in the deregulated market for two principal reasons. First, TCAP was the only political subdivision corporation to participate in the pilot project. Current estimates are that members of TCAP in the pilot project will save 10% or more on their electric bill during the last 4 months of 2001. Once full competition starts, TCAP

estimates that its members will save between 9-12% on their electric bill due to the contract TCAP will negotiate on their behalf. This experience with deregulation places TCAP in a class by itself. Second, TCAP's connection to the CUC means that the organization is familiar with the unique needs and requirements of county governments.

For your information, enclosed is a sheet which discusses some of the basics of deregulation and how TCAP can benefit your county. Also included is a list of current TCAP members and their annual purchases of electricity.

If you are interested in joining TCAP or need additional information, please contact Donald Lee at 512/476-6174 or via e-mail at Donlee@cuc.org. We believe that TCAP will help you save money on your electric bills through aggregated purchasing.

Sincerely,



Carl Griffith, County Judge, Jefferson County
TCAP Chairman



Jerry Eversole, County Commissioner, Harris County
TCAP Vice-Chairman



Jim Jackson, County Commissioner, Dallas County
TCAP Treasurer/Secretary



Glen Whitley, County Commissioner, Tarrant County
TCAP Board Member

cc: Williamson County Commissioner's Court

Enclosures:

1. Electric Power Deregulation: What Should Texas Counties Do?
 2. List of TCAP Members
 3. Articles of Incorporation for TCAP, Inc.
 4. Bylaws of TCAP, Inc.
 5. Sample Minute Order
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AGENDA ITEM 22

Consider adopting a temporary part-time early voting location for the November 6, 2001 election.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To adopt a temporary part-time early voting location in Bartlett for precinct 425 at the Bartlett Electrical Cooperative at 104 E. Pietzch for the November 6, 2001 election.

Vote: **5 - 0**

AGENDA ITEM 23

Consider adopting one or more new Election Day voting locations for Nov. 6, 2001 election.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To adopt new Election Day voting locations for the November 6, 2001 election as follows:

Precinct 332 Georgetown Fire Station No. 4, 4200 Airport Road, Georgetown

Temporary part-time early voting location at the Williamson County Central Maintenance Facility,
3151 S. E. Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas

Vote: **5 - 0**

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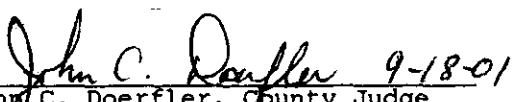
**ORDER APPROVING NEW EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS
AND NEW POLLING PLACES IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

On this the 18th day of September, the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, does hereby order the following action, effective October 22, 2001:

(1) that the new polling place for precinct 425 (Bartlett) be the Bartlett Electrical Cooperative, Inc., 104 E. Pietzsch, Bartlett.

(2) that the new polling location for precinct 332 be the Georgetown Fire Station No. 4, 4200 Airport Road, Georgetown.

(3) that a temporary part-time early voting location be the Williamson County Central Maintenance Facility, 3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown, Texas.


John C. Doerfler, County Judge