



**Resolution of Support  
for the  
Principles of the Coalition for Affordable Power - Texas**

**John Hildrath - President**

Restructuring of the electric utility industry in Texas through the introduction of retail competition would directly affect the rates of electric customers throughout this state—especially residential and small business customers.

We/I support the following principles, which should be pursued in any legislation passed by the federal or state government. These tenets are set forth as follows:

- **Increased competition that benefits all customers:** To ensure competition will benefit *all* customers, not just the highest volume users, and will protect the more than 4.5 million residential and small business consumers in Texas.
- **Accessibility to affordable power:** To maintain our commitment to ensure that all homes and small businesses in Texas have the ability to connect to reliable electricity service at affordable rates.
- **Provision of reliable, quality electric service:** To preserve the long-term integrity, safety, reliability and quality of the electric system in Texas.
- **Support for valuable customer programs:** To protect public policies favoring environmental protection, energy efficiency, technological innovation, resource diversity and low-income assistance programs.
- **Direct consumer input:** To provide Texans with an opportunity to voice their views on the impact of electric utility deregulation during and beyond the transition of the industry to a fully competitive market.

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