

2003-003

### CITY OF TATUM'S AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION

The City of Tatum, Texas wishes to participate in legislative efforts to delay electric deregulation in the 2003 Texas Legislature. The City wishes to join with other SWEPCO area cities (i.e. Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation CARD) in developing legislation to delay electric deregulation in our region. A Steering Committee of Kilgore, Longview, Marshall, Mt. Pleasant and Texarkana are authorized to direct the efforts of the lawyers and consultants selected by the Steering Committee in this endeavor. Such lawyers and consultants are authorized to develop, draft and seek passage of legislation with respect to delaying electric deregulation in our region, all subject to the authorization and direction of the Steering Committee. City may terminate this authorization at any time by written notice. The expenses associated with this process will be borne by all participating cities in CARD on a pro rata share according to 2000 census.

SIGNED: Bob Harris

POSITION MAYOR

City of: TATUM

DATE: 2-10-03

Send all information to our designated representative listed below who will be responsible for forwarding such information, as necessary, to other officials or our City and will act as our representative to or on the Steering Committee, as applicable.

Name: Bob HARRIS

POSITION: MAYOR

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# City of Tatum

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February 10, 2003

Representative Chuck Hopson  
1503 South Jackson, Suite 6  
Jacksonville, Texas 75766

Dear Representative Hopson:

I am writing to request that you support legislation in the 2003 Legislature to delay the implementation of electric deregulation in the SWEPCO service territory in northeast Texas. A coalition of over 20 cities (i.e. Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation CARD) in the East Texas region served by SWEPCO has renewed their efforts to delay electric deregulation. Previously we had contacted you in asking for your assistance in getting some type of relief from the premature implementation of electric deregulation and are grateful of your supportive role. Retail electric choice must be postponed until there is proof that families, businesses, economic development, and the local economy will not be harmed by rising electric costs.

Deregulation has been delayed for the Panhandle area of Texas, and citizens in East Texas deserve the same protection. The pilot project in our area was a flop – not a single customer participated– so it should be clear that now nor in the near future is the time for full-fledged electric deregulation.

Arkansas and Oklahoma have delayed electric deregulation in the area served by SWEPCO, and Texas should do the same. Otherwise, we'll be at a competitive disadvantage when competing for new businesses and industries. Louisiana has not even passed a deregulation law. The PUC recognized that real problems exist and recommended a delay in the deregulation in our region.

Please support our legislative efforts to postpone electric deregulation in the SWEPCO area in the 2003 Legislative Session.

Thank you for helping East Texas!

Sincerely,



Bob Harris  
Mayor  
City of Tatum

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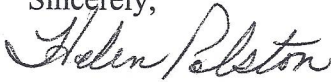
Jim Finley  
City of Longview  
P.O. Box 1952  
Longview, Tx 75606

Dear Mr. Finley:

I am forwarding a copy of the City of Tatum's authorization to participate in the legislative efforts to delay electric deregulation in the 2003 Texas Legislature.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Helen Polston  
City Secretary