

Texans for Reliable Energy

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The Honorable Donald Hill
Mayor of Taylor
400 Porter St
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Dear Mayor Hill:

We are writing you in regards to legislation that is very important to those of us in Southeast Texas. House Bill 1567 is needed to ensure energy reliability in our region. Our major energy provider, Entergy Texas, is currently stuck in a regulatory grey area. Since their transmission lines come in from out of state they have been unable to deregulate under the guidelines set out by the Texas legislature in the Electric Choice Act of 1999. While we look forward to the time when we can benefit from a competitive energy market, we need a strong electric provider in the interim. Since Entergy has been unable to move to competition, and they cannot be treated as a regulated industry under the new guidelines, their future is uncertain. This is not a situation that is good for the company or us, the consumers. Entergy needs the legislature to give it certainty and provide it with a clear path to competition.

House Bill 1567 will give Entergy and our region the certainty it needs. We are working hard to make sure that our area legislators succeed with this bill. In an effort to help get this legislation passed we have partnered with Texans for Reliable Energy and we hope that you will consider doing so as well.

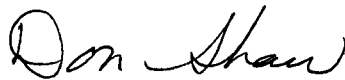
We encourage you to take a hard look at this issue and strongly consider helping. At most, we would ask that you consider joining TRE. This requires very little time commitment and absolutely no financial commitment. You will merely be asked to lend your name as a supporter of their efforts. If you are not able to do this please take the time to at least contact your legislators and tell them you support this bill. All of our area representatives are on board but we need support from all over the state to ensure that we get the help we need.

As fellow city officials we hope that you can sympathize with our problem and we hope that you will be able to help. We will be writing our State Senators affirming our support for this legislation. Please consider faxing back to us approval to have your name added to this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Oscar G. Ortiz
Mayor, City of Port Arthur



Don Shaw
City Manager, City of Woodville



Floyd O. Jackson Jr.
Mayor, City of Roman Forest

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About Us

Texans for Reliable Energy (TRE) is a statewide nonpartisan group of business, corporate and community leaders, public officials and others committed to a strong economy and a competitive energy market. TRE was established to give all who share an interest in a fair and competitive market, a voice for expressing their concerns about this critical issue with policymakers.

TRE SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 1567:

- Because it is in the best interest of the consumers and the economy of Texas. Certainty will help Entergy Texas continue to be a reliable supplier of electricity to customers in Southeast Texas.
- Because it allows electric customers in Southeast Texas to participate in a competitive retail market once the wholesale market is developed.
- Because it provides a predictable path to retail open access that is consistent with the treatment of non-ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas) utilities.
- Because it establishes a process to identify and reach key milestones to transition to competition leading to PUCT certification of Southeast Texas as a qualified power region

TRE PROMOTES CERTAINTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC MARKETS THROUGHOUT TEXAS

- Certainty allows electric providers to properly plan for future growth and customer needs.
- Certainty will help keep rates lower for all customers by eliminating unnecessary expenses.
- Certainty provides for a stable regulatory and financial environment.
- Certainty provides for a reliable supply of electricity for all consumers.

TRE SUPPORTERS INCLUDE LEADING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

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- Yes, I agree that HB 1567 is good for Southeast Texas and I will allow my name to be used on a letter to be sent to our state legislators.

Name _____

City _____

Phone
Number _____

Signature _____

Please fax back to Texans for Reliable Energy at **(512) 476-7678**

Thank you for your help.