

## News Release

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## TEPA CONFERENCE TO REVIEW FIRST DECADE OF TEXAS ELECTRICITY DEREGULATION, NATIONAL EXPANSION GOALS

**HOUSTON – Nov. 15, 2012** – [The Energy Professionals Association](#) (TEPA) announced its annual conference, scheduled Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at the Omni Houston Hotel, will review the first decade of electricity deregulation in Texas, emphasizing what has been effective, as well as identifying ways to improve the market for consumers. In addition, a panel of thought leaders from across the nation will discuss how TEPA can support deregulated electricity markets outside of Texas.

“Texas’s electricity market became a dynamic opportunity for new business when deregulation was launched across much of the state nearly a decade ago,” said [Paul Ward](#), president of TEPA. “A lot has happened during those ten years and our annual conference is a great opportunity to reflect on how the market has evolved. This significant milestone will allow us to discuss the positive aspects about deregulation, as well as ways it can be improved.”

Paul Hudson, former commissioner and chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission and this year’s keynote speaker, played a significant role in the early development of the Texas deregulated electricity market. His presentation, *Power: At the Dawn of Innovation*, will discuss the deregulated electricity market from his perspective as it has developed since its inception.

“It was exciting to be on the ground floor working to establish the early foundation of support for a restructured electricity market in Texas,” said Hudson. “To that end, I look forward to engaging the audience constructively in thinking through what’s next.”

Energy professionals from across the country will also be a part of a panel discussion focused on how TEPA can support deregulated electricity markets outside the state. “TEPA has provided a neutral environment for REPs and ABCs to work together in a way that benefits consumers most,” added Ward. “We can take lessons learned in Texas to other states and help create a fair market that safeguards everyone’s interests.”

The 2012 conference will feature two days of exciting social events in addition to hosting some of the industry’s most dynamic speakers. Registration is \$225 person and payment is due by Thursday, Nov. 15. Those interested in attending can register online by clicking this [link](#). More information about the 2012 annual TEPA Conference can be found at [www.TEPATexas.org](http://www.TEPATexas.org).

### **About The Energy Professionals Association**

The Energy Professionals Association (TEPA) is a 501 (c)(6) organization that establishes a standardized code of conduct, serves as an educational resource and advocates legislative initiatives for the Texas deregulated energy market. TEPA members include Aggregators, Brokers, and Consultants (ABCs), Retail Electricity Providers (REPs) and affiliate members. TEPA members exhibit expertise, ethical practices and a high level of professionalism to help consumers buy electricity in the restructured Texas marketplace. For more information

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