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NAME CHANGE, NEW BOARD MARKS EXPANDED VISION FOR TEPA

AUSTIN, Texas – Jan. 24, 2012 – The [Texas Electricity Professionals Association \(TEPA\)](#) recently announced that it will modify its name in order to reflect the growing energy market across the state. The non-profit 501(c)(6) group will now be called the Texas Energy Professionals Association, which will allow the organization to retain its “TEPA” moniker. TEPA has also changed leadership with a new Board, which was announced in November 2011 and officially took the helm on Jan. 1, 2012.

“TEPA is non-profit organization that was established to educate consumers about their electricity options, as well as manage a system of checks and balances for Retail Electric Providers,” said Paul Ward, president of TEPA. “Brokers and consultants across Texas have an ever-increasing interest in the influence of natural gas on power rates, as well as building relationships with natural gas related companies. In keeping with this level of market maturation among our membership, TEPA is changing our name from ‘electricity’ to ‘energy’ to be more inclusive of the overall industry.”

TEPA’s name change and expanded mission to include the growing number of energy providers is one of the first initiatives announced by the 2012 TEPA Board of Directors. It includes: Paul Ward of Summit Energy as president of TEPA; Dan Montgomery of Tradition Energy as vice president; Marilyn Fox of Fox, Smolen & Associates as treasurer; Perry Ruthven of Priority Power Management as secretary; Scott Heath of Good Energy as an at-large board member; Michael Harris of Unified Energy as an at-large board member; and St. Clair Newbern of Live Energy as an at-large board member.

“While the name change is small, the scope of our mission has grown tremendously,” added Ward. “Not only are we striving to help consumers make wise energy choices, but also advocate fairness between Texas energy providers and aggregators, brokers and consultants. I’m confident that our expanded objectives will lead to a robust energy market across the state.”

About Texas Energy Professionals Association

The Texas 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. To learn more about TEPA, visit <http://www.tepatexas.org> or contact Laura Sayed at LSayed@TPRM.com or call 214-520-3430 ext. 306.

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