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2012 TEPA CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON A DECADE OF DEREGULATION AND MOVING TO A NATIONAL PLATFORM

HOUSTON – Oct. 9, 2012 – [The Energy Professionals Association](#) (TEPA), a non-profit organization 501 (c)(6) committed to upholding the integrity of the deregulated retail energy market and helping consumers make the best energy procurement choices, will host more than 300 of the state’s top energy executives, thought-leaders and policymakers from Nov. 28-29, at the Omni Houston Hotel. The conference will focus on the last ten years of deregulation in the Texas energy market, as well as strategies to take the organization to a national platform.

“This year is an important milestone for our organization,” said [Paul Ward](#), president of TEPA. “In 2002, Texas Senate Bill 7 opened up a whole new world to the consumer electricity market with deregulation. And during the past ten years we’ve learned a lot as deregulated markets have been phased in across the state. Our November conference will be an open discussion about what we did right over the last decade and where we can make improvements to better serve consumers moving forward.”

The 2012 conference will feature presentations by recognized energy experts from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (EROCT), as well as some of the state’s leading Aggregators, Brokers and Consultants (ABCs) and Retail Electric Providers (REPs). A representative of KEMA, a global risk management company in the energy industry, will also provide a national perspective of the energy market.

“Not only will we discuss the Texas market during our conference,” added Ward, “we’ll also focus on how TEPA can make a positive impact on other deregulated markets across the country. As an advocate for residential and business buyers, we believe the value that we’re providing in Texas can be extended to consumers outside our state. Our goal is to make a difference at the national level, and this year’s conference will give us time to discuss how we plan to do that.”

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 per person and payment is due by Thursday, Nov. 15. Those interested in attending can register online by clicking the [link](#). More information about the 2012 Annual TEPA Conference can be found at 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 contact Aaron Cook at ACook@TPRM.com, www.TPRM.com or call (214) 520-3430, ext. 302. Follow TEPA on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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