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**TEXAS COMBINED HEAT & POWER LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IDENTIFIED**

TXCHPI membership seeks changes to better provide energy security and to separate small scale on-site power generation from onerous regulations.

**Austin, TX, Monday, February 15, 2011** – The Texas Combined Heat and Power Initiative (TXCHPI), an association of business interests that supports CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings has approved its list of legislative priorities. The list includes simple, straight-forward changes that will help provide energy security to critical government infrastructure as well as remove regulatory barriers for combined heat and power (CHP) projects. The list also includes efforts to make CHP an integral part of the Texas energy structure.

“The legislative changes sought add clarity to existing law and removes unnecessary regulatory burdens from small scale CHP projects. Our common sense legislative agenda is good for both the public and the CHP industry” said Paul Cauduro, TXCHPI’s Executive Director.

The TXCHPI legislative agenda is as follows:

- Authorize State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to issue guidelines relating to the CHP evaluations as currently required by the Texas Government Code.
- Craft exemption for certain CHP infrastructure from rigorous air permitting rules.
- Educate Legislators about CHP and its benefits as identified by the Texas Facilities Commission in relation to the Capitol Complex Master Plan process.
- Ensure CHP and related technologies are included in the State Energy Plan.
- Insert CHP into energy efficiency legislation.

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About the TXCHPI

The Texas Combined Heat & Power Initiative (TXCHPI) is a non-profit association of business interests that supports clean, energy-efficient, CHP technology applications in industrial, commercial and institutional settings. TXCHPI champions CHP as the most effective, economical and environmentally sensible energy option for Texas.