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TEXAS COMBINED HEAT & POWER INITIATIVE'S LEGISLATIVE GOALS ADVANCE

Two bill proposals directly relate to TXCHPI's common sense legislative agenda

Austin, TX, Tuesday, March 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 supports two legislative proposals directly relating to its approved list of legislative priorities. The bills filed are 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. Other legislation filed that directly or indirectly address the expanded use of CHP will also receive the support of TXCHPI.

“The legislative changes proposed add clarity to existing law and removes unnecessary regulatory burdens from small scale CHP projects. We believe that these common sense legislative proposals are good public policy and we strongly support their passage” said Paul Cauduro, TXCHPI's Executive Director.

The legislative proposals are:

- **HB 2623** – Clarifies existing law by authorizing the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to issue guidelines relating to how CHP evaluations are performed when a critical government facility is built or renovated.
- **HB 3268** – Creates a single set of consistent emission requirements for small (< 10MW) gas fired engines. The proposal would eliminate the high regulatory cost of installing these engines when used in clean, efficient CHP applications.

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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.