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# **TEXAS CLEAN AIR CITIES COALITION GAINS MOMENTUM AS IT HEADS TO STATE HEARINGS**

***Decision Day Approaches As The 32-Member Coalition  
Attempts To Become A Party To Six Separate TXU  
Permitting Cases***

DALLAS- "Decision Day" is Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition (TCACC). The Coalition believes the voices and opinions of 7 million citizens in Texas, not just the power companies', should be heard regarding the addition of 17 new coal-fired power plants proposed for Texas.

On Thursday, a state judge will decide whether the voices of the 32 cities, counties, and other governmental entities represented by the TCACC will be heard during the upcoming permit hearings in each of the first six cases (all TXU plants) currently going through the state's permitting process.

The result of the permit hearings will ultimately determine whether 17 coal-fired power plants, fast-tracked through the state system by Governor Rick Perry, will be approved with yesterday's emission controls, or if the Coalition will be successful in negotiating more modern, cleaner plants, including significant retrofits on TXU's existing plants.

**Thursday's hearing is scheduled to begin at 10AM at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Facility, William Clements Office Building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. It IS open to the public.**

As the 14<sup>th</sup> has drawn near, more cities and government entities have become interested in joining the Coalition. In fact, the Coalition grew from 24 members to its current 32 members in the week leading up to the hearing.

The TCACC, formed by Dallas Mayor Laura Miller with the help of Houston Mayor Bill White, was formed to give local cities, counties and governmental

entities a voice and a seat at the table during the state permitting process of the 17 currently proposed coal-fired plants.

Eleven of the 17 plants are being proposed by Dallas-based TXU.

The Coalition believes there is a balance between the need for power and the health of our environment that must be achieved in the permitting process. TCACC will push for more modern, cleaner technologies than coal-burning to meet the state's power needs. Coal gasification, for example, is the cleanest coal-burning technology available and could cut emissions significantly, yet in a December 2005 ruling the TCEQ said Texas utility companies do not have to consider this option.

The Coalition also questions the need for all 17 plants, which would double the total number of plants currently in Texas. The health, environmental and economic development impacts of such an expansion is also being challenged by the Coalition.

**WHAT: SOAH Joint Prehearing Conference on TXU permits:**

- **Big Brown**
- **Lake Creek**
- **Martin Lake**
- **Monticello**
- **Tradinghouse**
- **Valley**

**WHEN: 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**WHERE: William Clements Office Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX**

**MORE: Open to the public**

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