

Randolph Moravec, Ph.D, named Executive Director of Texas Coalition for Affordable Power

AUSTIN, TX -- Monday, October 3, 2011 – The Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, the largest city coalition of its kind in the state, has announced the appointment of Randolph Moravec, Ph.D, as its first executive director.

TCAP is a coalition of 158 member cities and political subdivisions that pool their resources to purchase electricity for governmental use. Dr. Moravec has served on the board of TCAP since its inception in early 2011, and also served on the board of one of its predecessor organizations, the Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc.

His appointment as TCAP executive director becomes effective Oct. 3.

“We’re excited to have Dr. Moravec taking the reins as the first executive director of TCAP,” said Jay Doegey, the coalition’s board president. “With his understanding of the electricity market and municipal government — and his extensive leadership experience — Dr. Moravec will help guide TCAP as it works to save money for Texas cities and their citizens.”

Dr. Moravec has served since 1987 as the finance director for the Town of Addison. He also served on the TCAP board as its organization’s secretary, and as vice chairman of the Cities Aggregation Power Project. Dr. Moravec received his Ph.D in public affairs from the University of Texas-Arlington in 2011.

As TCAP executive director, Dr. Moravec will execute policies developed by the organization’s 15-member Board of Directors, which is comprised of representatives of member cities. Dr. Moravec also will help coordinate the solicitation and award of electric supply contracts for TCAP, help expand TCAP’s membership, and respond to the needs of the organization’s member cities.

“I’m deeply honored to become TCAP’s first executive director,” said Dr. Moravec. “This is an important organization that works hard to save money for Texans. TCAP wants what all Texans want: a well-functioning electricity market that encourages economic development for our cities and a better life for our citizens. I’m happy to be part of that effort.”

TCAP’s 158 members include Abilene, Addison, Arlington, Belton, Corpus Christi, Frisco, Grand Prairie, Grapevine, Harlingen, Kingsville, Mansfield, McAllen, Midlothian, Nacogdoches, Odessa, Pearland, Plano, Port Aransas, San Angelo, South Padre Island, Sugar Land, Texas City, Vernon, Victoria, Wichita Falls, as well as many other cities and political subdivisions.

Through TCAP, those cities purchase in excess of 1.3 billion kilowatt/hours of power each year for street lighting, office buildings, water and wastewater plants and other municipal needs. Because energy purchases make up such a large portion of a city’s operating expenditures, even a single-penny increase in rates can equate to millions of dollars in lost tax dollars. Unaffordable electricity also can impact the welfare of city residents.