

# Texas' Municipal Utilities and Co-ops- steps towards reducing energy consumption and pollution

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## Why do Co-op and Municipal Policies on Efficiency and Renewable Energy Matter?

- Texas has some of the nation's largest municipal utilities – San Antonio #1, Austin # 8
- Suburban sprawl - moving into co-op service areas in DFW, Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas
- Texas has some of the nation's largest Co-ops
  - Pedernales Electric Co-op is nation's largest
  - 234,000 customers, 8,100 square miles
- 65 Distribution Co-ops in Texas, 9 G&T Co-op
- Nearly 3 million co-op member - consumers



# Co-op efficiency requirements:

## Sec.39.9052.AA ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

- (a) An electric cooperative shall consider adopting and implementing energy efficiency programs that reduce the cooperative's annual growth in demand in a manner consistent with standards established in the state for other utilities.
- (b) Not later than September 1, 2009, an electric cooperative that had retail sales of more than 500,000 megawatt hours in 2005 must report to the State Energy Conservation Office, in a form and manner determined by the electric cooperative in consultation with the office, information regarding the combined effects of the energy efficiency activities of the electric cooperative.

