

## Testimony in Favor of SB 504

Hico ISD paid \$208,439 in electricity costs for 2009-10.

14 of the 22 meters are in TASB's electricity pool, and made up \$203,792 of the total. The locked-in rate on electricity is .08807/kWh.

TDSP (Transmission Delivery & Service Provider) costs averaged 6 cents/kWh. Approximately 40% of yearly electricity costs are in TDSP charges. Individual meters have TDSP charges that range from 30% to 90% of monthly bill. Example: On the December statement, one of our meters used \$61.65 worth of electricity, with a TDSP charge of \$497.31.

**Schools are challenged to decrease energy costs, but the fact is, that on some meters, minimal usage results in high TDSP Charges, thereby not allowing us to reduce costs. Public Schools are in dire need of SB 504 or similar legislation that would allow us to pay reasonable costs for electricity used.**

Respectfully,

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