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Announcing a More Accessible PowerToSaveTexas.Org

Improvements Stem from PUC Design Team's Participation in Accessibility Internet Rally

Austin, TX – The Public Utility Commission of Texas today announced an updated version of its money-saving **PowerToSaveTexas.org** website featuring increased accessibility to its electric customer best practices. The accessibility improvements were created in the course of the agency's design team's competition in **Knowbility**'s annual **Accessibility Internet Rally**.

"We are proud to make the money-saving tips on the Power to Save Texas site available to even more Texans with this improved site," said John Paul Urban, III, executive director at the PUC. "While the power of competition has resulted in electricity rates below the national average for Texans in the competitive areas of the state, everyone can benefit from the site's best practices."

First launched in 2012, PowerToSaveTexas.org not only offers money-saving tips ranging from turning up the thermostat a few degrees during the hottest hours of the year to utilizing LED lightbulbs, it also contains a conservation-oriented **curriculum** for classroom use.

The changes to the site were in keeping with updated standards for accessibility, to ensure the site is optimally available to any visitor, including those with disabilities. They are based on the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) created and maintained by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). In the annual AIR event, the PUC's design team placed second among competing state agencies.

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About the Public Utility Commission

Our mission is to serve Texans by regulating the state's electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities, implementing respective legislation, and offering customer assistance in resolving consumer complaints. Since its founding in 1975, the Commission has a long and proud history of service to Texas, protecting customers, fostering competition, and promoting high quality infrastructure. To learn more, please visit http://www.puc.texas.gov.