



## Public Power Pool

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### To the Hidalgo County Electricity Working Group and Evaluation Team:

Energy price is not the only component that should matter to the County. P3 delivers significant contractual advantages that are not available to an entity acting alone. By combining 100 political subdivision members and leveraging the size of the group, we originate a better-quality contract to protect counties. Preferential contractual components, not contained in standard industry contracts, include:

- At-contract pricing for small load additions;
- Discretionary pricing for any large load additions to ensure price competitiveness at the time of going to market;
- No swing or material change provisions, meaning the County would not be penalized for changes in consumption over the course of the contract;
- No minimum use requirements on individual accounts;
- Penalty provisions in the case of late or inaccurate bills;
- Mediation provisions for contract disputes; and
- Unfettered access to advantageous demand-side energy-savings programs.

In addition, P<sup>3</sup> membership delivers full contract service to members for no additional premium. By sharing the costs members receive a full suite of services including:

- a. Ongoing account management and daily adds, deletes and switches as needed;
- b. Budgetary support through twice-annual Forward Budget Reports showing projected usage and costs, and customized Chapter 2265 reports to ensure members meet all statutory and requirements;
- c. Monthly electricity bill audits and semiannual consumption reviews to ensure billing and invoice accuracy regarding supplier rates and on-tariff TDSP charges;
- d. Graphic and statistical meter-by-meter efficiency analyses: our customized “Three-Year Facilities Report” measure energy efficiencies at each facility based on variables such as square footage, hours of operation and load factor.
- f. Utility rate monitoring at the Texas PUC and legislature.
- g. Electricity usage reviews to avoid internal and external peaking events and, if necessary, take advantage of offsetting capacity by running load off-peak and shedding load to take advantage of market clearing prices for energy.

These services are routine for P3 members but are rarely offered by brokers or retailers directly. P3 provides these services free; the only fee is our low, transparent aggregation fee of 59.3 cents/MWh, which appears as a line-item on members’ bills.

P<sup>3</sup> is a non-profit political subdivision corporation, created by local governments in Texas, designed to save taxpayer money by aggregating power usage to procure the best power contracts at the lowest cost.