

# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I do hereby attest that the attached Statement of Intent To Consider and Determine Whether To Implement New Federal Standards for United Cooperative Services was published in the November 2008 issue of *Texas Co-Op Power* and mailed to the 52,420 members of record of the Cooperative on October 31, 2008.


Signed:   
Karen Nejteck, Production Manager, Texas Electric Cooperatives

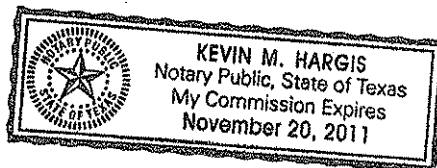
*State of Texas*

*County of Travis*

*Before me, Kevin Hargis, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Karen Nejteck, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.*

*Given under my hand and seal of office this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008.*

  
Kevin Hargis



# Venus ISD Receives Energy Efficiency Grant



**ENERGY GRANT**—United Director Clifford Deal, left, presents Venus ISD Superintendent Bobby Matthews with a \$5,000 energy grant.

Through United Cooperative Services' EnergySmarts Grant Program, the electric co-op is providing much-needed grant funding to eligible schools and independent school districts served by the electric cooperative for the installation and implementation of energy efficiency measures. United Board Di-

rector Clifford Deal last month presented a grant to Venus ISD Superintendent Bobby Matthews in the amount of \$5,000, helping the school district work toward its energy efficiency objectives.

"We think it's wonderful that United has made these funds available for our energy conservation efforts," said Matthews. "We have a tremendous amount of renovation going on and every little bit helps," he said.

The Texas Legislature in 2007 mandated (H.B. 3693) that Texas schools reduce energy consumption by 5 percent each year for the next six years. Venus ISD will apply the \$5,000 grant to several areas, including installation of motion sensor light switches, solar screens and insulation.

"The cooperative's EnergySmarts grants demonstrate United Cooperative Services' commitment to helping members manage their energy use," said

Deal. "Not only does United educate its members about energy conservation; we help them achieve it," said Deal.

In addition to the energy conservation mandate, the Legislature also gave co-ops the opportunity to invest unclaimed capital credits (also referred to as "member dividends") in their members' energy efficiency efforts and scholarship awards. These unclaimed dividends—distributed annually to members of the co-op—would otherwise go to the state. The EnergySmarts grants are funded 100 percent by the unclaimed member dividends. To date, United has distributed \$46,500 in EnergySmarts grants to local schools and ISDs.

"With Texas H.B. 3693 requiring schools to set energy conservation and reduction goals, our EnergySmarts Grant program is a useful response to help schools meet that mandate," said United CEO Ray Beavers.

## UNITED COOPERATIVE SERVICES

### NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER PURPA-EISA 2007 STANDARDS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS IN PROJECT NO. 2008-TX164-0001

On Sept. 29, 2008, United Cooperative Services (co-op) adopted a resolution initiating a rulemaking project to consider and determine whether to implement federal ratemaking standards under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), Public Law No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492 (2007) to: 1) integrate energy efficiency into the co-op's integrated resource plans and establish cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource; 2) establish electric rates to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost effective energy efficiency and to promote energy efficiency investments; and 3) give co-op members direct written or electronic access and other interested persons limited access to information on time-based electricity prices at wholesale and retail, prices and usage on at least a daily basis, and sources of power provided by the co-op. The proceeding has been designated Project No. 2008-TX164-0001, *Proceeding to Consider and Determine Whether to Implement the Federal Standards for Integrated Resource Planning, Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments, and Access to Smart Grid Information pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d) (16), (17) and (17) as amended by Pub. L. No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492 (2007)*. Persons interested in the proceeding are invited to notify the co-op of their intent to participate in the project and to submit comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence on the standards being considered. Responses and any comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence must include the person's name, contact information, and relationship to the co-op, reference Project No. 2008-TX164-0001, and be submitted in writing to the cooperative at P.O. Box 16, Cleburne, TX 76033 or by e-mail to [cameron@united-cs.com](mailto:cameron@united-cs.com) no later than December 15, 2008. A public hearing on this project will be convened to give interested participants an opportunity to comment and ask questions about whether the co-op should implement the PURPA EISA Standards. Questions about this notice or project may be directed to Cameron Smallwood, Senior Vice President - Cooperative Planning, at (817) 556-4000 or by e-mail at [cameron@united-cs.com](mailto:cameron@united-cs.com). All further information about this project, including the resolution, all comments received, and the date, time, and location of the hearing will be posted on the co-op's Web site at [www.united-cs.com](http://www.united-cs.com).