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The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R. Ph.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, 2013

December 4, 2013

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I strongly urge you to include a cost analysis for the different types of customers and I would appreciate a response on the methodology of the cost benefit analysis. I also appreciate your willingness to have a complete cost benefit analysis before any decisions are made. I stand ready to work with you and the members of the Public Utility Commission to ensure reliable, efficient, and affordable electricity for our state.

Sincerely,

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