



Long Range Utility Services Plan (2020 – 2025)

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Long Range Utility Services Plan, required by 34 TAC §19.16, includes the plan for delivery of reliable, cost-effective utility services (electricity, natural gas, water, and sanitary sewer) within current contract requirements and limitations.

Goals for Long Term Utility Procurement and Strategies

Local city or municipal utility providers, or retail electric service providers, bill TWC monthly for usage of electric, gas, water, and sanitary sewage in agency-owned buildings (AOB) and leased facilities across the state.

TWC has installed Building Management System (BMS) software in several AOBs that allows TWC to monitor systems to ensure consistent utility usage for energy efficiency. TWC will continue upgrading the software as needed.

TWC analyzes utility bills and monitors usage through Engie Impact (formerly Ecova). Engie is the contracted utility bill processor for all state agencies.

TWC uses Energy Star Portfolio Manager to report electric, natural gas and water usage as required by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO).

TWC does not engage in distributed electric generation (self-generation or on-site generation) and does not have plans to do so in the future.

Current Utility Procurement

TWC contracts with TXU Energy to provide electricity at a reduced rate until July 31, 2025, in 17 facilities across the state where retail electric service is available. TWC procured retail electric services with the guidance and assistance of the SECO contracted consultant, Texas Energy Aggregation, LLC (TEA). TEA assists all state agencies with assessing energy needs and renegotiating energy contracts in deregulated areas. TEA assisted TWC in the development of solicitation requirements for retail electricity generated from a mix of renewable and non-renewable resources to achieve the best value for the state through its contract with TXU Energy.

TWC procures natural gas at reduced rates through an Interagency Contract (IAC) with the General Land Office (GLO) statewide consortium. The IAC provides a lower rate for the six TWC AOBs and one leased facility located in Austin. The IAC expires on August 31, 2021. The TWC energy services

coordinator and contract manager will work with GLO to renew the IAC through August 31, 2023.

Water and sanitary sewer services are not available in a competitive market in any of the areas where TWC has leased or owned facilities.