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**TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSES BILL AIMED TO CREATE ENERGY  
TRANSPARENCY AMONG STATE INSTITUTIONS**  
*LEGACY Energy Management Solutions Launches New Technology to Benchmark & Track  
Usage to Comply with New Energy Legislation*

**HOUSTON** (July 10, 2007) – In June, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3693, which will require all state-funded institutions, such as school districts, utility districts, municipalities and certain hospitals, to begin publicly reporting and benchmarking energy and water consumption. With continued growth in electricity demand and possible electric generation shortages in the near future, Texas passed this landmark bill in an effort to encourage the conservation of energy and water and increase accountability among state institutions. The law will enforce public reporting of energy usage and set benchmarks for state agencies.

In response to this law, **LEGACY Energy Management Solutions**, a Houston-based energy management and advisory firm, has enhanced its proprietary web-based energy portal, LEGACY POWERVIEWS™, to enable its clients to comply with the new regulations. These enhancements will permit state entities to better understand, measure, control, monitor and publicly report electricity, gas and water consumption and demand trends at the meter level and across the entire organization.

“The new law has specific directives for public entities that receive state funding, including the public reporting of their energy and water consumption and expenditure data for the first time,” explains John Elder, president and chief executive officer of LEGACY. “We

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believe that this law will actually benefit these public institutions rather than burden them. Benchmarking can be a powerful tool for these institutions to evaluate and compare their performance against similar entities. POWERVIEWS™ provides our clients the technology to create a “utilities” history and solidify valid benchmarks that will be crucial in the future.”

The proprietary portal is completely customizable and allows clients to determine the most important utilities information they need to manage consumption, demand and expenditures, all while being supported by a team of experts to ensure updated and accurate data.

Unlike some retail energy providers that allow their customers to see only their energy bills for a limited period of time, LEGACY’s new offering provides a behind-the-scenes look at how a customer’s electricity, natural gas and water usage and expense affect multiple locations in aggregate as well as at each individual meter, regardless of the provider. The POWERVIEWS™ portal also features the ability to measure the effect of energy conservation efforts against “normalized” consumption. Normalized data basically adjusts historical consumption levels to account for weather and other operational variables. Normalizing is critical to properly measure performance of conservation efforts.

### **Summary of House Bill 3693:**

- Reduce electric consumption by five percent each state fiscal year for six years beginning Sept. 1, 2007
- Electronic recording and reporting of the amount and cost of electricity, water and natural gas consumed – usage must be made/posted on a public web site
- Energy efficiency requirements for electric utilities, municipally owned utilities (MOUs) and electric cooperatives.

*To schedule an interview with John Elder, President & CEO, LEGACY Energy Management Solutions, please contact Caitlin Bubela at 713-970-2100 or [caitlin@vollmerpr.com](mailto:caitlin@vollmerpr.com).*

## **About LEGACY Energy Management Services**

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*LEGACY specializes in helping organizations manage risks and reduce costs in energy budgets by analyzing historical energy usage and costs, preparing customized strategies, implementing risk management programs, and managing appropriate physical and financial contract solutions.*

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