



October 4, 2006

Mr. C. John Wilder
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
TXU Corporation
TXU Headquarters
Energy Plaza
1601 Bryan Street
Dallas, TX 75201

Dear Mr. Wilder:

On behalf of NRDC's over 600,000 members, I am writing to state our strong opposition to your company's announced plans to construct 11 new conventional coal plants in Texas. This short-sighted plan is irresponsible and is bad for your customers, other Texas residents, the state's economy, and most importantly, the health of the climate that sustains modern economies. We urge you to abandon your plans to build these plants and to meet with us and the large number of other organizations as well as the growing number of Texas officials who oppose your proposals. There are better options to meet the electricity needs of Texas consumers and we ask that you work with us and others to pursue them.


All reputable scientific authorities have concluded that manmade emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) are increasing atmospheric concentrations of this heat-trapping gas, resulting in an increase in global average temperatures to levels not seen in hundreds of thousands of years. Continued loading of the atmosphere with CO₂ will result in an acceleration of this heat-trapping effect and will produce large risks of profound and damaging disruption of the climate. Energy companies and other businesses in Texas and around the nation increasingly recognize this threat and realize the risk to their customers from committing to the types of polluting technologies TXU is pursuing.

Coal-based power plants are among the highest-emitting and longest-lived industrial sources of global warming pollution. Construction of new coal plants that emit CO₂ is simply not compatible with the need to reduce CO₂ emissions from today's levels. Texas already leads the nation in CO₂ emissions. Construction of the plants you propose would add 78 million tons of CO₂ emissions annually. Such emissions would impose large costs on TXU shareholders and customers when emission reductions are required.

Texas has a rich endowment of cleaner, more sustainable energy options. The state already leads the nation in wind energy, while barely tapping its full wind potential. Moreover, energy efficiency programs hold tremendous promise for Texas as evidenced by Austin Energy's avoidance of 500MW of new capacity needs through its efficiency programs alone.

When the damages to human health and the environment from coal mining and combustion of coal in your proposed power plants are properly considered, choosing other resources and technologies to meet the electricity needs of TXU's customers will prove superior to your current plans. We ask that you take this opportunity to make the right choice and meet with us and others to develop a responsible plan to protect your consumers, our health, and our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Beinecke".

Frances G. Beinecke
President