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## **CHAMPION ENERGY SERVICES JOINS TEPRI TO ENABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES**

AUSTIN, Texas. February 28, 2017: The Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) is pleased to welcome a new premier member: Champion Energy Services, A Calpine Company.

Founded by former PUC Chairman Becky Klein, TEPRI is a diverse collaborative of energy market participants working to improve the quality of life for low-income Texans through energy. **“We are honored to have Champion Energy Services as a TEPRI member given their strong commitment to communities in Texas and across the nation. Champion’s pattern of applying ingenuity in their customer service strengthens the TEPRI collective”.**

John Daily, Vice President Origination of Calpine Corporation, representing Champion Energy as a TEPRI Board Member said, **“We are proud to join TEPRI. This organization reflects our values and commitment to serve our customers and our communities, particularly those that need assistance the most, and we look forward to being a part of TEPRI’s efforts.”**

Champion Energy Services joins TEPRI as the fastest-growing retail electric provider in the nation, currently serving residential, governmental, commercial and industrial customers in deregulated electric energy markets in Texas and eight other states.

By utilizing a consortium membership model, TEPRI’s collaboration of leaders in the power market work to inspire lasting energy solutions that increase comfort, reduce strain, and put critical dollars back in the hands of low-income families. The energy solutions of tomorrow should include those that fall below the poverty line - approximately 37% of all Texan households live below 200% of the federal poverty guideline (\$48,600/family of 4). By studying and sharing what is working across the country, the Institute spreads best practices in energy conservation, efficiency, and reducing energy burdens. Members of TEPRI are leveraging resources to spearhead innovative and in-depth research at the nexus of energy and poverty.

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