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## **GREEN MOUNTAIN ENERGY SUN CLUB JOINS TEPRI TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACCESS FOR ALL**

AUSTIN, Texas. February 20, 2017: The Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI), a diverse collaborative of energy market participants comprised of utilities, low-income and energy efficiency advocates, is pleased to welcome Green Mountain Energy Sun Club as a new associate member.

Recognizing the seriousness of energy poverty in Texas, Sun Club® has signed on to partner with TEPRI to inspire lasting energy solutions for the more than 9.4 million low-income consumers in the state.

**“Green Mountain Energy Sun Club strives to partner with organizations that work to make a real difference in local communities,” said Jason Sears, Executive Director of Green Mountain Energy Sun Club. “We are excited to partner with TEPRI and look forward to making clean energy a reality for more Texans.”**

“We are very excited to partner with Green Mountain Energy Sun Club to further the vision of a world with sustainable energy access for all,” says TEPRI Executive Director, Dana Harmon. “We are very thankful for the support we have received from industry stakeholders, and believe that together we will increase opportunities for our community through energy.”

TEPRI’s 2017 applied [research priorities](#) include: launching a clearinghouse to spread awareness of energy poverty issues and best practices; building a Texas Low-Income Profile Report to gain understanding of communities facing hardships; and launching a low-income impact demonstration project focused on energy efficiency, outreach, education and/or innovative clean energy technologies.

The strength of TEPRI’s consortium model lies in its ability to leverage research dollars and to share research findings with each other, public sector agencies, policymakers, and the general public, and to help inform effective and innovative delivery of technology, services, and policy. Sun Club is joining a very specific mission to make an impact at the nexus of energy and poverty.

Learn more about TEPRI’s mission, leadership, and initiatives at [www.txenergypoverty.org](http://www.txenergypoverty.org).

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