

## RESOLUTION

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Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2006 by the Galveston Independent School District.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David H. O'Neal, Jr., President

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Dr. Dawson Orr  
Superintendent

September 26, 2006

Subj: STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES DISCOUNT (ELECTRIC)

Encl: (1) Letter to The Honorable Craig Estes  
(2) Wichita Falls ISD Resolution dated April 17, 2006

Dear Superintendent:

Wichita Falls Independent School District is in support of legislation that would extend a 20% discount of electrical transmission and distribution charges to the school districts of Texas.

I have enclosed a letter to Senator Craig Estes that will provide you some background. In addition, a copy of WFISD's Resolution is provided.

We'll do our best to get these materials to all districts that serve 5,000 students or better. You are encouraged to share these same materials with a smaller neighbor. This effort is all about offsetting the huge increases in electric prices that we all have been subjected to.

Sincerely,

Dan Shelton



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December 30, 2004

The Honorable Craig Estes  
Bank One Tower  
4245 Kemp  
Suite 306  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76308

Dear Senator Estes:

It is my understanding that there is a 20% discount of electrical transmission and distribution charges that Texas State Colleges and Universities take advantage of. This same discount is not available to the school districts of Texas.

Rider SCUD (State Colleges & Universities Discount) is available to any facility of a four-year State university, upper-level institution, Texas State Technical College or college as provided for in Sec. 351 of the Utilities Code. The total of the Transmission and Distribution Charges, System Benefit Fund Charge and Nuclear Decommissioning Charge is reduced by 20%.

If Sec. 351 of the Utilities Code were rewritten to include all Texas school districts, the same 20% discount would yield approximately \$150,000 in savings to Wichita Falls ISD. Assuming the same cost per student savings (\$10), our Texas schools could possibly yield \$40,000,000 in savings annually.

I have enclosed a schedule of utility cost increases that Wichita Falls ISD has been subjected to over the past few years. We have recently been informed that Oncor will be pursuing power factor correction increases in the future. This increase has the potential to cost WFISD \$70,000 which is a 5% increase in total electric costs.

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Maintenance Department

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Ken Hines, President

Attest:

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Liz Talbert, Secretary