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TEPRI Releases Initial Report on Research Landscape Analysis of the Energy-Poverty Nexus

AUSTIN, TEXAS -- The Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute (TEPRI) has released its first publication, a working paper that presents findings from a year-long analysis effort to discover and examine the known nexus of energy and poverty – the “Energy Poverty Research Landscape Analysis.”

Co-authored by Dana Harmon, Executive Director of TEPRI, Erik Funkhouser from Research Into Action, and University of Texas Graduate Student and TEPRI intern Matthew Haley, this effort provides an analysis of the landscape of publicly available research with the goal of increasing industry understanding of the complex relationship between energy and poverty.

Harmon endorses the publication: “Our hope is that this report will be useful to energy stakeholders as a foundation to inspire lasting energy solutions for low-income communities. Through this and our future work, we aim to increase awareness of energy poverty, share best practices, and influence the state and national level discussion to better serve our vulnerable neighbors through energy. “

Funkhouser adds, “Developing the report has been a rare opportunity to look rigorously across the fields of study in the energy sector and asses how low- and moderate-income consumers factor into the discussion, how they don’t, and to imagine new pathways for improving outcomes.”

This report sets the stage for the forthcoming TEPRI Energy Poverty Research Clearinghouse, which will be a comprehensive and consolidated repository of information and research on energy poverty.

You can download the “Energy Poverty Research Landscape Analysis” at www.txenergypoverty.org/publications.

TEPRI is a diverse collaborative of energy market participants working to improve the quality of life for low-income Texans through energy which was founded by former PUC Chairman Becky Klein in 2015.

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About TEPRI

TEPRI is an association of leaders in the power market who work to inspire lasting energy solutions that increase comfort, reduce strain, and put critical dollars back in the hands of low-income families. 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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