



SIERRA CLUB

LONE STAR CHAPTER

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To: Dr. Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Commerce
Members, Senate Committee on Business and Commerce
From: Cyrus Reed, Conservation Director, Sierra Club

SB 2011 (Schwertner) Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to impose administrative penalties and enter into voluntary mitigation plans.

The Sierra Club supports this bill. The bill increases maximum penalties from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 and also updates Voluntary Mitigation Plan requirements to ensure that such plans provide meaningful protections against market power abuse. The bill also sets up the procedure for enacting a Voluntary Mitigation Plan, modernizing our enforcement regime. We appreciate Senator Schwertner in filing this important bill.