

ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Texas residents pay an average of 11.99 cents per thousand kilowatt hours (kWh) compared to the U.S. average of 10.52 cents per thousand kWh.
- The City of Corpus Christi has launched a storm water planning process to set consistent standards and replace a patchwork of outdated drainage plans covering portions of the city.
- The City of Corpus Christi opened the new \$29 million Cefe F. Valenzuela landfill in October 2007 at FM 2444 and County Road 20 in the Chapman Ranch area. The Elliot Landfill will be closed.
- The Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant will be expanded at a cost of more than \$120 million. The Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plant will be replaced on its existing site, with construction scheduled to begin in 2010.
- Nueces County has commissioned a master drainage plan to address flooding in outlying areas of the county. Fast growth in areas outside the Corpus Christi city limit are straining the existing drainage system.
- Topaz Power plans to expand the Nueces Bay and Barney M. Davis Power Plants. Here is a breakdown of the capital investments:

NUECES BAY POWER PLANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT

25 new full-time positions, avg annual salary \$75,000
\$1.8 million gross annual payroll by 2010
\$433,132,000 capital investment

BARNEY M. DAVIS POWER PLANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT

25 new full-time positions, avg annual salary \$75,000
10 full-time positions retained
\$2.2 million gross annual payroll by 2010
\$416,025,000 capital investment

Questions We Need to Consider

1. How can the Coastal Bend capitalize on alternative energy opportunities?

Sources:

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