



**CREDIT UNION DEPARTMENT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**QUARTERLY UPDATE ON
ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN**

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The Credit Union Department (the Department) is a small agency with ten full-time employees headquartered in a 4,182 square foot building. Utility consumption consists of electricity, water, wastewater, and sewage. Because it is used for heating, as well as cooling, electricity is the largest utility bill. The Department's utility costs have increased slightly over the past year due to increased charges; utility usage by the Department has remained steady.

The Department continues to perform the conservation measures in its policies, including using motion-sensing switches ensure lights are turned off when not in use. Conservation measures also include setting the heating and cooling temperatures to reduce usage, use of window coverings, and use of low energy-use bulbs in light fixtures. The agency promptly addresses plumbing issues to avoid excessive water flow. The agency's employees consistently ensure lights, computers and other electrical appliances are turned off when not in use. The agency promptly addresses problems with utilities and services to minimize the energy impact. Recently, the Department contracted with the Texas Facilities Commission to repair some roof leaks. Landscaping is drought resistant and low-maintenance. The Department's hot water needs are served by a modern energy-efficient, tankless water-heater.

The agency's long-term capital improvement plan will continue to address energy efficiency in its building maintenance and utility services. The agency is making every effort to improve energy efficiency and to control costs.