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Texas agencies to host climate bill summit **Speakers, panels to discuss impact of cap and trade legislation**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas, The Railroad Commission of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will host a joint meeting on Tuesday to consider the potential impact to Texas of proposed federal legislation related to carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

The all-day meeting will begin with opening remarks by Gov. Rick Perry at 9 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in Austin at the Texas Capitol in the Capitol Annex Auditorium (room E1.004).

A live Webcast will be available at <http://www.senate.state.tx.us/bin/live.php> on channel 4.

After a presentation by Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, Texas Deputy Comptroller Martin Hubert will introduce the first morning panel followed by a second panel introduced by Texas Workforce Commission Chairman Tom Pauken. Three afternoon panels are scheduled followed by public testimony after the last panel is finished.

In June the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 2454, the “American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009,” also known as the Waxman-Markey bill and generally described as cap and trade legislation. The U.S. Senate is expected to discuss similar proposals over the next few months.

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