Texas is the #1 worst carbon polluter in the country, and we’re at a crossroads in the fight against climate disruption. Multi-year droughts and historic heat waves have wreaked havoc on Texans from East Texas down to Houston all the way to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. And the data is clear: Coal-fired power plants are a leading cause of the carbon pollution that’s increasingly disrupting our climate.\(^1\)

Energy Future Holdings (EFH), the Wall Street owner of TXU Energy, sells power to communities and homes across the state. EFH also owns Luminant, the company that operates a number of dirty coal plants across Texas like Big Brown near Fairfield and the Martin Lake plant in northeast Texas. The old coal plants are outdated, and they lack modern controls to limit the amount of pollution spewed into our air and water. The company’s own reports to the state show that its five coal plants emit a quarter of Texas’s major industrial air pollution. That’s 25 percent of the pollution in a state with approximately 2000 major factories and power plants.\(^2\)

**DANGEROUS POLLUTION ALL ACROSS TEXAS**

- Studies demonstrate that emissions from dirty coal plants in East and Central Texas contribute to the orange and red ozone alert days in the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area as well as in Tyler and Longview in East Texas.\(^2(4)(5)\)
- Four of the Luminant coal plants rank in the top nine power plant sources of smog-causing nitrogen oxide emissions in Texas.\(^6\)
- One of the plants owned by Luminant, the Martin Lake coal plant, is the largest source of toxic mercury air pollution in the entire country.\(^7\) The United States Food and Drug Administration warns pregnant women to avoid eating certain fish because of the harm that mercury contamination in that fish can have on a developing child.\(^8\)
- What’s more, there are 120 fuel burning power plants in Texas. But Luminant’s five Texas coal plants together emit as much sulfur dioxide pollution as all the power plants in the entire states of Louisiana and Oklahoma combined. That sulfur dioxide can cause respiratory problems and ugly haze that clouds the skies at Big Bend National Park.\(^9\)

Join us in moving Texas beyond coal and toward a cleaner, brighter energy future! TXU Energy is owned by Energy Future Holdings (EFH)—the same company that owns the Luminant plants. Switching to another provider is the best way to guarantee your dollars are not supporting the owners of Texas’s worst polluters. Help move Texas toward a brighter future and switch your home, church, or business to an electric provider where your monthly electricity payment won’t support the Wall Street owner of dirty coal plants. Make the switch to a electric provider who reflects your values and move Beyond TXU.
Take action: Go to www.beyondTXU.org and sign the pledge to move Beyond TXU. Most Texans live in areas where they have the right to choose their electric provider and can decide where they send their monthly electric bill. There are many electric providers not owned by coal companies, and a number also have 100 percent renewable energy options.

Get the latest information on Texas energy provider plans by heading to www.powertochoose.org. The Power to Choose website is an official site run by the Texas Public Utility Commission. It has helpful information about your rights as a consumer and on how to switch your electric provider. Use the search option to identify non-TXU Energy plans. You can also find the most competitive electricity rates available to help you and your family save money.

Switch away from TXU, and move to a company that shares your values about clean air and you can probably save money on your monthly electric bill at the same time.

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