

State and Local

AFL-CIO urges finishing nuclear plant

AUSTIN (AP) — The AFL-CIO Thursday said the South Texas Nuclear Project should be completed because Texans need the energy and the unions need the jobs.

The Public Utility Commission staff is considering whether the STNP's second unit should be completed. The first unit is now 92 percent complete and set for commercial operation in December 1987.

The second unit is 63 percent complete and scheduled for commercial operation in June 1989.

Several anti-nuclear groups have called for cancellation of the entire project under construction near Bay City. The Texas Chemical Council

recently said cancellation of both units might be warranted.

"That would mean the loss of 10,000 construction jobs in Texas at a time when we are facing the worst economic outlook since the Great Depression," said Jackie St. Clair, secretary of the Texas Building Trades Council.

The Texas AFL-CIO will urge the PUC to allow completion of the project.

Harry Hubbard, Texas AFL-CIO president, said, "Even though the price of oil is down this week, it might be up to \$35 a barrel next month. We cannot base our energy

future on the interests of foreign nations."

STNP's total projected cost is now \$5.5 billion, more than 500 percent above original projections. It also is far behind the original construction schedule.

The project is owned by Houston Lighting & Power Co., Central Power & Lighting Co., and the cities of Austin and San Antonio. HL&P is the managing partner.

The Texas Chemical Council, which had been silent on the STNP until recently, represents major chemical companies in Texas. The council is considering entering the

PUC proceeding to oppose completion of the nuclear project.

But Rep. Lloyd Criss, D-LaMarque, said the Chemical Council's motive is greed. The companies sell energy they produce in a system known as cogeneration.

In cogeneration, utility companies buy energy that is produced as an industrial by-product. The nuclear project would be a competitor that could reduce the price that industries get for cogenerated power, he said.

"The cogenerators want more," Criss said. "They want it all. They want to control power in the state of Texas."

State board debates rise in insurance rate

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance is considering an increase in personal property insurance that could cost Texans at least \$69 million.

"We'll have a decision later," Chairman Lyndon Olson said Thursday after an hour-long hearing.

The board's staff recommended a statewide average increase of 5.3 percent, which experts said would mean \$69 million more in premiums.

The Texas Insurance Advisory Association, representing the industry, recommended a statewide increase of 16.9 percent.

Both recommendations said the increases were "catastrophe oriented," caused mainly by large insurance losses in recent years from hurricanes on the coast and tornadoes and windstorms in North and West Texas.

Irene Bass, speaking for the Insurance Advisory Association, said the industry recommendation took into consideration catastrophe losses in estimating rates for each of the state's territories — central, Gulf Coast and north-northwest.

Minimum-security 'camps' approved by prison board

AUSTIN (AP) — The state prison board on Thursday approved the construction of 10 "trustee camps" that will have no fences and will be the least secure facilities ever in the Texas Department of Corrections.

The camps, housing a total of about 2,000 inmates, will be located at existing state prison sites, but will be outside the walls. The trustees will include inmates who are allowed to work outside the prison during the day.

Prison board chairman Alfred Hughes of Austin said, "These are our best prisoners. We trust them enough to, in many cases, get in a truck and drive all over the state of Texas picking up meat and moving it around all day long and drive back

and forth in the truck. I don't see why we'd be worried about them leaving at night."

But Hughes and TDC director O.L. McCotter said they would prefer fencing the camps if the money was available.

McCotter said, "If we had unlimited funding, I would tell you I would like to have it. However, I feel very strongly that we can operate the camps in line with what the scope calls for. I think we can do it properly and in a safe manner and defend the public safety within the state of Texas."

Fences and additional lights for security would cost \$194,000 per camp. It would cost another \$140,000 a year to man the fences at

each unit, according to TDC projections.

Hughes, saying fences could be added later if necessary, said, "It would be nice to have them. But they're not absolutely necessary at this time."

TDC is under a federal court order to reduce the inmate population by 2,000 by September. The trustee camps will cost a total of \$17.9 million. A lease-purchase plan will be used to build them.

A similar trustee camp, housing 81 inmates, has been in partial use for several months at the Ellis Unit near Huntsville. TDC officials say there have been no problems there.

Houston facing \$93 million revenue shortfall

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is facing a \$93 million revenue shortfall — almost 30 percent more than expected — that will probably result in more layoffs and public service cuts, Mayor Kathy Whitmire says.

"At this point we're reviewing what our alternatives are," she said during a Wednesday city council meeting.

She said no department will be sacred — including police and fire agencies that have so far escaped cuts — as city officials plan to meet the city's additional financial woes.

Officials had been predicting the city would have a \$72 million shortfall but that has figure has increased by \$21 million with updated city fi-

nance reports, Whitmire said.

Most of the increase is due to the large number of protests filed over property taxes, she said.

In her proposed \$1.27 billion city budget, Whitmire had counted on \$733 million in property taxes receipts, but successful protests are expected to wipe out \$16 million of that total, the mayor said.

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.48 pts.	795.00	1550.00
.49 pts.	795.00	1550.00
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.56 pts.	735.00	1495.00
.56 pts.	895.00	1750.00
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.59 pts.	850.00	1700.00
.59 pts.	675.00	1300.00

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.61 pts.	775.00	1500.00
.61 pts.	975.00	1800.00
.65 pts.	815.00	1700.00
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1.09 cts.	2825.00	4900.00
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1.24 cts.	2875.00	5300.00
1.33 cts.	3495.00	6900.00
1.41 cts.	3900.00	7900.00
1.51 cts.	4975.00	8500.00
1.54 cts.	4150.00	8200.00
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.35 pts.	425.00	850.00
.37 pts.	450.00	950.00
.49 pts.	975.00	1800.00
.50 pts.	895.00	1700.00
.70 pts.	1195.00	2300.00
.70 pts.	985.00	2000.00
.73 pts.	1235.00	2500.00
1.10 cts.	4340.00	8500.00
1.46 cts.	3750.00	7500.00
1.52 cts.	2750.00	5500.00
2.14 cts.	4950.00	8000.00

PEAR		
	Our Price	Compare at
.30 pts.	\$350.00	725.00
.47 pts.	1050.00	2100.00
.54 pts.	1195.00	2350.00
.62 pts.	1395.00	2750.00
1.19 cts.	1750.00	3200.00
1.80 cts.	2975.00	5000.00

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