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MUD aggregation spells purchasing power

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Legacy Energy Management Solutions on Monday completed the aggregation of 65 Texas municipal utility districts into one entity, combining their purchasing power for better rates, terms and contracts.

The Houston energy advisory firm called it one of the most significant electricity aggregations since the 2002 deregulation of the Texas market.

Legacy President and Chief Executive Officer John Elder said the alliance is "a substantial leap in purchasing ability for those districts who would otherwise purchase power in smaller quantities and incur higher costs and less-favorable terms."

Previously, the power to negotiate for better pricing and more flexible agreements was reserved for larger companies in the industry.

Legacy plans to encourage aggregation among its other purchasing clients as well.

"Many consumers of electricity in Texas are unaware that they can aggregate their loads to obtain better pricing," Elder said.

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