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**BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF  
ENERGY CONSERVATION  
Hotter Than Normal Temperatures Prompt PUC Alert**

(BASTROP) – The Public Utility Commission has designated a YELLOW conservation Alert due to higher than normal summer temperatures and potential record high electricity demand for June. On yellow days, extra conservation is urged; a YELLOW Alert will be declared for days where temperatures statewide are expected to be extremely hot, leading to record or near-record electricity consumption. A YELLOW Alert will also be declared if unexpected high demand and unexpected outages of power plants occur.

Although Bluebonnet does not anticipate any outages, as temperatures already soar into the high 90s in the early weeks of June, all members are encouraged to take measures to reduce energy consumption during peak usage hours. The hours between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. are the times when energy usage is at its greatest. Energy consumption can be reduced during this timeframe by following these tips:

- Turn off unnecessary lights; unplug appliances and electronic equipment when not in use.
- Block incoming sun by closing blinds and draperies. Set air conditioning thermostat to 78 degrees or higher and use fans to cool the air. When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees.
- Do not use the dishwasher, laundry equipment or other home appliances until after 7 p.m.
- Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary. Use microwaves for cooking instead of an electric range or oven.
- Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or late evening.
- If water is provided by a well with an electric pump, shower, bathe and water yards after peak hours.

The current conservation alert can be found in the PowerfulAdvice section of the PUC Web site by linking to the colored box near the lower right corner of the PUC home page [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us).

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative owns and maintains about 11,000 miles of power lines, located across more than 3,800 square miles within 14 Southeastern Texas counties. Bluebonnet's service area stretches from Travis to Washington County and from Milam down to Gonzales County. For more information about Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative go to [www.bluebonnetelectric.coop](http://www.bluebonnetelectric.coop).