

State Securities Board, Agency No. 312

Quarterly Energy Savings Program Update

Fourth Quarter, 2020

In support of Governor Executive Order RP-49, the State Securities Board, Agency No. 312, submits this update on the Agency's Energy Savings Program for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2020.

- A. The headquarters of the State Securities Board is in the Thomas Jefferson Rusk building, a state-owned facility in Austin, Texas. The agency maintains field offices in Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, and a field presence in San Antonio with space at the Federal Bureau of Investigation at zero hard cost to the agency. The field offices are in privately-owned office facilities and procured through Texas Facility Commission (TFC) lease contracts. As such, the agency is a "tenant agency." The agency does not own any energy consuming building systems: air conditioning; heating; ventilating systems; or related equipment. The agency does not have access to summaries of information indicative of utility efficiencies or cost savings.
- B. The agency works with TFC to develop and support appropriate energy consumption best practices and operations for agency occupied spaces and leases. The agency has implemented its plan designed to keep energy consumption to a minimum, consistent with the efficient operation of the agency. The agency further supports RP-49 by educating employees on energy conservation measures and best practices.
- C. Additional goals and strategies include:
 - Reducing lighting in areas where lighting levels exceeded those required for the task performed. The agency has sought the assistance of TFC to install more efficient lighting systems and sensors to automatically turn-off lights in unoccupied areas.
 - Eliminating unnecessary appliances.
 - Closing blinds when the solar angle is such that excessive heat is gained through windows.
 - Turning off office equipment when not in use unless doing so would increase overall consumption, diminish the life span of the equipment or is otherwise not feasible.

- Using Energy Star equipment.
- Encouraging employees to carpool and use public transportation when possible.
- Using telecommuting and other options to limit employee travel.

Agency goals and strategies have been implemented.

- D. The State Securities Board does not own or lease vehicles and has no plan to purchase or lease vehicles.
- E. The agency will continue to follow the requirements of its Energy Savings Program to achieve savings to the State.

Questions regarding the agency's Energy Conservation Plan may be directed to Travis J. Iles, Securities Commissioner, who may be reached at 512-305-8341 or tiles@ssb.texas.gov.

No Substantive Changes from Preceding Quarterly Report.