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See you at the

TSTCI Spring Managers' Conference **June 2 - 4** **Isla Grand Beach Resort** **South Padre Island, Texas**

**The hotel is sold out; yet you can still register
for the conference online at www.tstci.org!**

**If you have questions about the conference, call Paula Groves
at 512-343-2587 or email paula@tstci.org.**

TSTCI REGULATORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSES FCC PROPOSED USF REFORM

On May 19, members of the TSTCI Regulatory Committee traveled to Austin for a meeting to discuss potential implications of the Federal Communications Commission's recently adopted Notice of Inquiry and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating the *Connect America Fund*, the FCC's National Broadband Plan, and High-Cost Universal Service Support. In this proceeding the FCC is proposing major changes to USF support.

Comments on the FCC's proposed rules are due July 12, 2010. During the May 19 meeting, Regulatory Committee members began developing TSTCI's positions on the various aspects of the proposed rules. Due to the complexity and importance of the issues, the committee has scheduled a conference call to continue determining the impact the proposed rules will have on member companies and the manner in which TSTCI should proceed to ensure the concerns of the rural telecommunications industry are heard.

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TOGETHER **E**VERYONE **A**CCOMPLISHES **M**ORE!

Thanks for Your Support!

The TSTCI Board of Directors would like to recognize and thank the Board of Directors of **Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**, for their investment in the TSTCI PAC. **Randy Hensley**, President; **Randy Simpson**, Vice President; **Wayne Barton**, Secretary; **Quinton Kearney**, Treasurer; and Directors **R.L. Fleming**, **Wendell B. Morrow**, **Kevin Pepper**, along with Poka Lambro CEO **David McEndree** collectively invested \$1,100 to support the TSTCI PAC.

Thanks also to **Rodney Hackemack**, Industry Telephone Company; as well as **Don Richards** and **Daniel Gibson**, Richards, Elder & Green, LLP. We also extend our appreciation to the employees of **Nortex Communications**, who continue to show their support through monthly contributions.

More information on the TSTCI PAC is available at www.tstci.org – click on the **PAC & Grassroots** button.

Register now for the

TSTCI FINANCE & MARKETING CONFERENCE

July 7-9

Omni Austin Downtown

Austin, Texas

Register online at www.tstci.org.

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News from Associate Members

EnerSys Acquires Douglas Battery



EnerSys(R) (NYSE: ENS), the world's largest manufacturer, marketer and distributor of industrial batteries, announced that it has purchased the industrial battery business from Douglas Battery Manufacturing Co., headquartered in Winston-Salem, N.C. Douglas Battery, which has been manufacturing and selling industrial batteries and chargers since 1960, has a strong customer base with well-developed marketing and distribution channels, which EnerSys plans to keep intact.

"The extensive breadth of EnerSys' product and service offerings is further enhanced by the purchase of Douglas Battery's industrial battery business," said John D. Craig, chairman, president and chief executive officer of EnerSys. "As we have demonstrated with our previous acquisitions, our strategy is to continue to build quality market share by acquiring companies which will produce solid results. The acquisition of Douglas Battery, combined with our recent acquisition of Oerlikon Battery, based in Switzerland, and our investment in Altery Systems, a developer and manufacturer of fuel cells, are projected to generate over \$100 million annually in new revenues for EnerSys."

EnerSys will maintain the Douglas Battery brand and designs for the line of industrial batteries and chargers, and will retain the existing sales team, manufacturer's representatives and distributors. Douglas Battery Manufacturing Co. President Charles T. Douglas will become the Douglas Battery brand's vice president of sales for EnerSys.

"Our family and employees have worked hard since the 1920s to establish the Douglas Battery brand as one of high-quality products and service," Douglas said. "I am very pleased that EnerSys will continue to use our brands and battery designs, and I am confident that the brand's high standards will be maintained."

ABOUT ENERSYS

EnerSys, the world leader in stored energy solutions for industrial applications, manufactures and distributes reserve power and motive power batteries, chargers, power equipment, and battery accessories to customers worldwide. Motive power batteries are utilized in electric fork trucks and other commercial electric powered vehicles. Reserve power batteries are used in the telecommunications and utility industries, uninterruptible power suppliers, and numerous applications requiring standby power. The Company also provides aftermarket and customer support services to its customers from more than 100 countries through its sales and manufacturing locations around the world. More information regarding EnerSys can be found at www.enersys.com.

ABOUT DOUGLAS BATTERY

Prior to this transaction with EnerSys, Douglas Battery was one of the largest, privately owned battery manufacturers in the United States. Since 1921, Douglas Battery had maintained the reputation of producing and delivering the highest quality products in the industry, and has remained a customer-focused company that anticipates and responds to customers' needs.

ON MEMORIAL DAY



Please take a moment to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

**PLEASE HAVE A SAFE
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.**

Upcoming Events

May 2010

- 25-26 Sunset Commission Hearings (Public Utility Commission/Office of Public Utility Counsel)
- 27 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 31 Memorial Day (TSTCI offices closed)**

June 2010

- 2-4 TSTCI Spring Managers' Conference – South Padre Island, Texas**
- 11 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 17 FCC Open Commission Meeting

July 2010

- 1 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 7-9 TSTCI Finance & Marketing Conference – Austin, Texas**
- 15 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 15 FCC Open Commission Meeting