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### **Plug-In Texas Commends General Motors for naming Austin as a launch city for the Chevrolet Volt**

“Plug-In Texas welcomes today’s announcement by General Motors CEO Ed Whitacre, naming Austin as a launch city for the Chevy Volt.

As part of its corporate renaissance, GM has led in developing the electric vehicle and Texans will now have the chance to be early adopters of the latest transportation technology.

GM recognizes the strong interest in EVs not only in Austin, but in all of Texas’s urban areas for the adoption of electric vehicles.

EVs are clearly a win-win for Texas: a win for Texas drivers on operating costs and convenience; EVs are a win for the environment, contributing to improvement in urban air quality; and, the deployment of EVs strengthens the nation’s energy security.

Plug-In Texas is committed to raising awareness of electric vehicles and their economic and environmental benefits in the Lone Star State. Today’s announcement by GM’s Ed Whitacre demonstrates that momentum for EVs in Texas is growing.”

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**About Plug-In Texas:** *Plug-In Texas is a broad-based and growing statewide coalition of private and public interests dedicated to supporting policy changes that promote battery electric, plug-in hybrid and all-electric vehicles in Texas, as well as the infrastructure needed to support them. Plug-In Texas will support activities that create new jobs, foster development of new technologies, improve environmental conditions and spur economic activity that supports the electric vehicle industry. The coalition serves as a clearinghouse for information on EVs, and supports initiatives that market the development and promote the commercial viability of EVs. Plug-In Texas’ membership includes: Environment Texas, Environmental Defense Fund, Luminant, NRG Energy, Texas Automobile Dealers Association, and TXU Energy. For more information about Plug-In Texas, visit [www.PlugInTexas.org](http://www.PlugInTexas.org).*