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**Statement from Texas Motor Transportation Association President on  
Introduction of UPS Hybrid Electric Vehicles**

AUSTIN – Texas Motor Transportation Association President and CEO John D. Esparza released a statement today following Governor Rick Perry’s announcement on UPS’ expanded fleet of hybrid electric vehicles (HEV). Made possible through provisions in Senate Bill 1759 passed in the 81st Legislative Session, the alternative fuel fleet will expand operations to Houston and Austin and is already operational in Dallas.

“Today, we have made tremendous technological advancements in Texas,” Esparza stated. “Our hard work during the past legislative session comes to fruition as the trucking industry focuses on positive solutions to air quality improvement.”

Senate Bill 1759 provides grants from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund for large fleet owners to convert older model diesel vehicles to alternative fuel vehicles. Reduction in fuel consumption and emissions as well as an increase in efficiency are just a few of the positive highlights of the HEV fleet.

“This announcement underscores our commitment to the environment and our focus on increasing sustainability for the future,” said Esparza. “UPS’ foresight in deploying these vehicles to Texas speaks volumes about the dedication of our leaders and our industry in conserving natural resources and remaining a symbol of environmental protection,” Esparza commented.

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