



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved March 22, 2010  
FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

**The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regular meeting on February 22, 2010 in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Phillip Schmandt called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Phillip Schmandt, Shudde Fath, Vice Chair Linda Shaw, Steve Smaha, Steven Taylor, and Michael Webber. Gary 'Bernie' Bernfeld was absent. A quorum was present.

Staff in attendance: Cheryl Mele, Kerry Overton, Elaine Hart, Andy Perny, Mark Dreyfus, Jeff Vice, Karl Rabago, Pat Sweeney, Ann Little, Drusilla Saenz, Jim Collins, John Wester, Jamie Mitchell, Greg Troxell, Clyde Canady, Jawana 'J.J.' Gutierrez, David Kutach, Steve Machicek, Chris Smith, Sonny Poole, Scott Jarman, Fred Yebra, Rosemary Ledesma, David Wood, Stacy Neef, Sonya Harry, Toye Goodson Collins.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the regular meeting of January 25, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Taylor's motion and Commissioner Fath's second, on a 6-0 vote.

**3. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**4. STAFF BRIEFING -** Planned construction of an electric substation on Manor Road. Cheryl Mele, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Sonny Poole, Acting Manager, Real Estate Services.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Action on City Council agenda items related to Austin Energy** – The following Recommendations for Council Action (RCAs) were recommended for approval on consent, on Chair Schmandt's motion and Commissioner Smaha's second, on a 6-0 vote:

RCA 2 – Budget amendment and grant acceptance of \$20,000 from the DOE through Leonardo Technologies Inc. for programmatic support of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program.

RCA 3 – Budget amendment and grant acceptance of \$17,500 from the DOE through the Railroad Commission of Texas, and approval of a four-year agreement between the Central Texas Clean Cities Program and the Railroad Commission to promote the use of propane vehicles and improve related infrastructure, \$17,500 a year, for a total of \$70,000.

RCA 7 – Authorize amendment No. 1 to a contract with MYCOFF, FRY, PROUSE for recruitment services for Austin Energy's General Manager, \$46,000 for a revised total contract of \$69,000.

The following RCA was pulled from the Consent Agenda, discussed and recommended on Commissioner Webber's motion and Chair Schmandt's second, on a 4-2 vote, with Commissioners Shaw and Smaha voting nay:

RCA 1 – Recommend the use of approximately 5.87 acres for an electric substation, electric transmission lines, distribution lines and drainage area through dedicated parkland known as Morris Williams Golf Course.

The following RCA was pulled from the Consent Agenda, discussed and recommended on Commissioner Fath's motion and Commissioner Taylor's second, on a 6-0 vote:

RCA 4 - Rebate to REIT Management & Research for the installation of energy efficient reflective roofing at 12455 Research Blvd., \$82,981.44.

The following RCA was pulled from the Consent Agenda, discussed and recommended on Chair Schmandt's motion and Commissioner Webber's second, on a 5-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fath abstaining:

RCA 5 - Authorize design and construction of the Seaholm Substation perimeter wall as part of the Seaholm East Redevelopment District as a public art project as outlined in the Art in Public Places Ordinance, \$750,000.

The following RCA was pulled from the Consent Agenda, discussed and recommended on Commissioner Fath's motion and Commissioner Taylor's second, on a 6-0 vote:

RCA 6 - Amendment No. 3 to a contract with HPI to upgrade gas turbine controls at Decker Creek Power Station, \$238,565, for a revised contract amount of \$2,171,834.

- b. Adopt procedural rules for hearings regarding the Competitive Matters Resolution – Rules presented by a Subcommittee composed of Chair Schmandt and Commissioners Bernfeld and Smaha were discussed, amended, and approved on Chair Schmandt's motion and Commissioner Smaha's second, on a 6-0 vote. The rules and other documents related to the review of the Competitive Matters Resolution will be posted on the Austin Energy website early in March.

6. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT** by Steve Machicek, Corporate Accounting Director.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schmandt adjourned the regular meeting of the Electric Utility Commission without objection at 5:32 p.m.