

EUC Transparency update, 8/16/10

- I. Premises & Progress**
 - What's the future perfect state?
 - Quick overview of the last month & key ideas

 - II. Future Perfect State, according to AE's customers**
 - The "dashboard" =
 - i. Transparency revisions (CMR)
 - ii. Systemic revisions (AE's data & staff)
 - iii. Accessibility (dashboard)

 - III. Benchmarks & Process**
 - Create benchmarks w/ AE staff input, EUC & Council oversight
 - Keep goals flexible
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Austin Energy Transparency Working Group
Background Notes 8/12/10

At the July 19 meeting of the Electric Utility Commission, Austin Energy agreed utility data should be presumed public unless justification is made for making items confidential. This is a fundamental change from AE's approach to its "Competitive Matters Resolution" (CMR) in years past. At that meeting interim General Manager Robert Goode stated:

"The philosophy is that we [Austin Energy] should agree its public unless there's an exception and explain very clearly and carefully to the EUC and the community why that's an exception and the damage that could happen if its unveiled"

(EUC Meeting, Item 4 at 18:19,
<http://austintx.swagit.com/play/07212010-1/0/>)

Austin Energy further stated it expected to make substantial progress in resolving transparency issues by the August 16 EUC meeting. In an effort to continue productive stakeholder input, our Transparency Working Group has created its own Competitive Matters Resolution (attch'd). We expect this document will be fundamental to future revisions of the AE CMR.

We look forward to commenting at next Monday's EUC meeting and continuing progress.

Re: AE's Dereg, Paul Robbins 7/16

There are three ways I can think to respond.

1. Mandatory deregulation is unlikely to happen anytime soon. If it happens, then the situation/s can be revisited.
2. Much of the information that AE seeks to hide will be of little to no value to a competitor, or can be obtained by competitors through other means.
3. The good that comes from public disclosure outweighs the harm to the utility.

Re: Info Disclosure Practices, group 8/12

In an effort to continue productive stakeholder input, our Transparency Working Group has created its own Competitive Matters Resolution (attch'd). We expect this document will be fundamental to future revisions of the AE CMR. The attached draft language is:

- 1) **Shorter & Clearer**---starting with concept that info is "presumed public"
- 2) **Flexible & Inclusive**---can fully incorporate any language or exhibits now under development (e.g. language from Staff drafts or derived from our group's list of info requests)

Chris's elephant in the room, "Why all the confidentiality?"










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






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








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








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Potential Transparency Change Benchmarks

8/10/2010

- Breakout "mini meetings" between our group and key AE staff to discuss: AE's Annual Report proposal, AE's Competitive Matters Resolution proposal, and our Working Group's 113 item information requests list.
- Public meeting review and discussion of:
 - AE's Annual Report proposal
 - AE's Competitive Matters Resolution proposal
 - our Working Group's 113 item information requests listbefore adoption of any new/revised documents.
- Appointment of a public information librarian.
- Appointment of a public information "revisions process" program manager.
- Creation of an AE public information website, which provides easy access to all public information documents in a timely manner.