

**Resolution of the Electric Utility Commission**

**February 28, 2011**

**Cost Analysis of the City's Boards and Commissions**

**Whereas**, on January 27, 2011 the City Council directed the City Manager to work with the City Clerk to conduct a cost analysis of the City's boards and commissions system;

**Whereas**, both the Electric Utility Commission (EUC) and the Resource Management Commission (RMC) oversee Austin Energy;

**Whereas**, both the EUC and the RMC are non-sovereign commissions comprised of volunteers who may, or may not, have specialized knowledge regarding the operation of an electric utility company;

**Whereas**, Austin Energy has revenues over \$1 Billion annually and engages in a wide variety of highly sophisticated activities;

**Whereas**, the EUC wishes to contribute its opinions and experiences to the City Manager's analysis;

**Therefore, be it Resolved**, the EUC believes that having two non sovereign commissions oversee Austin Energy is neither efficient nor effective, especially when those commissions are volunteers with no required experience in the utility industry;

**Resolved**, the City Manager should consider consolidating the review of Austin Energy to a single commission so as to eliminate the need to have city staff spend duplicative nights before two commissions.