



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a special-called meeting to review and discuss Austin Energy's "Rate Analysis and Recommendations Report" in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Phillip Schmandt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioners in attendance: Phillip Schmandt, Chair; Linda Shaw, Vice Chair; Gary 'Bernie' Bernfeld, Barbara Day, Shudde Fath, Stephen Smaha, and Dr. Michael E. Webber.
Staff in attendance: Larry Weis, Elaine Hart, Ann Little, Mark Dreyfus, Rusty Maenius, Alicia Loving, Bob Dailey, Chris Smith, Beverly Bonevac, Kerry Overton, Jeff Vice, Steve Machicek, Beatriz Betancourt, Ed Jenkins, Kerri Davis, Peggy Miller, Colleen Gardner, and Glenn Moore of Austin Energy; and Shannon Halley of Council Member Tovo's office.

Chair Schmandt welcomed new Commissioner Barbara Day.

2. Introduction and presentation of Austin Energy's Rate Analysis and Recommendations Report – Presentation by Larry Weis, General Manager; Elaine Hart, Chief Financial Officer, Mark Dreyfus, Director, Regulatory & Government Affairs; and Ann Little, Vice President, Finance & Corporate Services.
3. Presentation by Bob Wittmeyer, Independent Residential Rate Advisor, regarding Austin Energy's Rate Analysis and Recommendations Report.

Following Mr Wittmeyer's presentation, the Commission called for a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

4. Citizen Communications – The following persons spoke regarding electric rate redesign and Austin Energy's Rate Analysis and Recommendations Report: Paul Robbins, Environmental Activist; Kathy Stark, Austin Tenants Council; Andy McFarlane, Data Foundry; Carol Biedrzycki, Texas ROSE; Rob Walker; Peter Beck, Austin Sierra Club; Ruby Roa, Ladies of Charity; Craig Nazor, Austin Sierra Club; Lanetta Cooper, Texas Legal Service Center; Karen Hadden, SEED Coalition; Tom "Smitty" Smith, Public Citizen; Steve Beers; and Trevor Lovell, Solar Austin.
5. Commissioners discussed and asked questions of Austin Energy staff regarding the Rate Analysis and Recommendations Report.
6. Commissioners discussed and asked questions of Bob Wittmeyer, the Independent Residential Rate Advisor, regarding his presentation.
7. Due to the limited time remaining, Commissioners deferred discussion of the Decision Point List to future meetings.
8. Commissioners discussed upcoming meetings and processes, including formal citizen participation and information requests from Commissioners. The Commission named a Working Group composed of Chair Schmandt and Commissioners Smaha and Day to organize Citizen Panels and the Process by which these Panels would provide input on rate redesign. Persons interested in serving on a Citizen Panel were urged to contact Austin Energy by emailing ratereview@austinenenergy.com on or before Wednesday, September 7.
9. Adjourn – Chair Schmandt adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m. without objection.