



January 12, 2012

Austin City Council
City Hall
301 West 2nd St.
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Statement Adopted by ANC Executive Committee – Austin Energy Rate Increase

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members:

On behalf of the executive committee of the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) I submit to you the following statement for your consideration as you receive public comment on proposed electric rates increases by Austin Energy.

“The Austin Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee does not support Austin Energy proposed rate structure for these reasons:

- residential users will pay a disproportionately larger share of the rate increases, while commercial users will pay a smaller share;
- the new rate structure does not aggressively promote energy conservation;
- the proposed changes do nothing to encourage use of alternative energy sources.

We ask that the City Council reject the current proposal in favor of a plan that, at a minimum, addresses these points.”

Thank you for your attention to this important matter pending before you.

Sincerely,

Steve R Aleman
 Steven Aleman
 ANC President, 2011 – 2012