



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Electric Utility Commission

CC: Larry Weis, General Manager

FROM: Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Distributed Energy Services

DATE: February 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Energy Efficiency Community Stakeholder Meeting

Background

On September 27, 2012 the City Council passed Resolution No. 20120927-083 directing the City Manager to hold a community stakeholder meeting to address the question of how to meet the 800 MW energy efficiency savings goal in the most cost effective manner possible.

Actions Taken (to date)

As directed, Austin Energy held a community stakeholder meeting February 9, 2013. Over 100 invitations were sent to prospective attendees; 35 participants attended representing eight unique community groups including realtors, social services, houses of worship, energy consultants, manufacturing industry, BOMA, the Apartment Association, and builders and contractors. Brainstorming sessions reported energy efficiency-related needs ranging from programmatic to City services to social issues. Areas of focus centered on education and outreach, affordability of energy efficiency, and program development in terms of customer needs, rate structures, and new technology. General feedback from the stakeholders was positive as a result of the opportunity for community involvement and utility transparency and accessibility.

Moving Forward

As part of this year-long process, a report from the stakeholder meeting will be available in March. Quarterly community stakeholder meetings are anticipated to allow for a deeper dive into the topics that arose in the first meeting. Monthly reports will be made to the RMC, as required in the Council resolution. Stakeholders will be apprised of new programs and developments as they relate to the energy efficiency issues noted. Austin Energy will continue to update the public on the movement toward the 800 MW savings goal and summarize participant input. Information collected during the meetings will be posted on: <http://www.austinenergy.com/Reports>. A comprehensive report will be submitted to the RMC and EUC at the conclusion of the process.