



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved April 15, 2013
MARCH 18, 2013**

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regularly scheduled meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Bernie Bernfeld called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Commissioners in attendance: Bernie Bernfeld, Chair; Karen Hadden, Vice Chair; Shudde Fath, Phillip Schmandt, Linda Shaw and Dr. Michael Webber. Steve Smaha was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived after approval of the consent items.
Staff in attendance: J. J. Gutierrez, David Wood, Alan Claypool, Mark Dreyfus, Ed Clark, Debbie Kimberly, Pat Alba, Jeff Vice, Fred Yebra, Scott Jarman, Richard Morgan, Don Judd, Mercedes Sanchez, Cathy Foster, Jeanie Doty and Toye Goodson Collins of Austin Energy; and Yolanda Miller and Shawn Willett of the Purchasing Department.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **The minutes from the meeting of February 25, 2013 were approved, on Commissioner Fath’s motion, Commissioner Shaw’s second, on a 6-0 vote.**
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**
There were no speakers.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners pulled Items 4-11, 16, 18, and 20-23 for discussion and recommended approval of Items 12-15, 17, 19, and 24-26 on consent.

4. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Connally High School located at 13212 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78753, for an estimated \$25,960 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$259,600 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
5. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Copperfield Elementary School located at 12135 Thompkins Drive, Austin, Texas 78753, for an estimated \$26,325 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$263,250 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
6. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Delco Primary School located at 12900-A Dessau Road, Austin, Texas 78754, for an estimated \$36,824 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$368,240 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
7. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Dessau Elementary School located at 1501 Dessau Ridge Lane, Austin, Texas 78754, for an estimated \$41,897 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$418,970 over a 10-year period.

8. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Dessau Middle School located at 12900 Dessau Road, Austin, Texas 78754, for an estimated \$26,217 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$262,170 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
9. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Parmer Lane Elementary School located at 1806 Parmer Lane, Austin, Texas 78727, for an estimated \$26,107 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$261,070 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
10. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at River Oaks Elementary School located at 12401 Scofield Farms Drive, Austin, Texas 78758, for an estimated \$43,040 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$430,400 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
11. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Ruth Barron Elementary School located at 14850 Harris Ridge Blvd., Pflugerville, Texas 78660, for an estimated \$47,075 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$470,750 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
12. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at their Support Services facility located at 2021 Crystal Bend, Pflugerville, Texas 78660, for an estimated \$48,061 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$480,610 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
13. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Weiland Elementary School located at 900 Tudor House Road, Pflugerville, Texas 78660, for an estimated \$42,483 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$424,830 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
14. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Pflugerville Independent School District, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at Westview Middle School located at 1805 Scofield Lane in Pflugerville, Texas, for an estimated \$36,202 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$362,020 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**

15. Approve issuance of a rebate to Sravanthi Limited Partnership for performing comprehensive energy efficiency upgrades at Whisper Hollow Apartments located at 3300 Parker Lane, Austin, Texas, 78741 in an amount not to exceed \$134,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
16. Authorize negotiation and execution of 24-month agreements with ecobee, EnergyHub, and other thermostat vendors who qualify for participation in Austin Energy's Power Partner Program, a demand response program involving start-up incentives and thermostat data access, for a combined total amount not to exceed \$950,000 over the 24-month period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
17. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 60-month requirements service contract with FRONTIER ASSOCIATES LLC. to provide hosting, support, upgrades and technical project enhancements and training for the Green Building Online Rating System for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$304,460. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
18. Authorize execution of change order #4 to the construction contract with TEXAS SOLAR POWER COMPANY (MBE/MH-96.30%) for the restoration of a solar array at the Decker Creek Power Station in the amount of \$53,872.45, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,056,370.25. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
19. Approve ratification of a contract with KOBELCO COMPRESSORS AMERICA, INC., for the repair of two lube oil heat exchangers for the LM6000 natural gas compressors at the Sand Hill Energy Center for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$221,900. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
20. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 12-month requirements service contract with CORIX UTILITIES, or the other qualified offeror to RFP No. OPJ0103, to provide manual meter reading and other related services for Austin Energy, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,600,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$3,600,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$18,000,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
21. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to various supply and service contracts through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer, telephone, and network hardware and related maintenance services to increase the authority for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,025,000, for a revised estimated authorization amount for Austin Energy not to exceed \$10,495,191. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

22. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to various supply and service contracts through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer software and software maintenance and support services to increase the authority for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$120,000, for a revised estimated authorization amount for Austin Energy not to exceed \$9,230,190. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
23. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to various service contracts through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of technology services and support to increase the authority for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$5,445,158, for a revised estimated authorization amount for Austin Energy not to exceed \$15,529,998. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Smaha, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
24. Authorize award and execution of a contract with QUANTA TECHNOLOGY, LLC, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. DKC0036, to provide assessment of North American Electric Reliability Corporation compliance documentation and evidence for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$68,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
25. Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements service contract with the NATIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF IRELAND, INC. (NSAI) for ISO 9001 quality management registration and surveillance audit services for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$137,175, with one 36-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$137,175, for total contract amount not to exceed \$274,350. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**
26. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with LANGUAGE & CONTENT SERVICES, or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. TVN0019, to provide Spanish translation services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$140,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$70,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$280,000. (Note: This is a shared contract among City departments; AE's share is 16%.) **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Webber, passed on consent on a vote of 6-0.**

STAFF BRIEFING & REPORTS

27. Green Purchasing Policies Briefing by Yolanda Miller, Purchasing Department.
28. Financial Report by Cathy Foster, Acting Director, Corporate Accounting & Rates.
29. Disconnection & Reconnection Fees Update by J.J. Gutierrez, Vice President, Customer Care. Following the briefing, the Commission invited speakers on the topic. Carol Biedrzycki of Texas ROSE provided suggestions and offered a list of questions. Commissioner Smaha suggested that Ms. Biedrzycki submit her questions to Austin Energy staff.

NEW BUSINESS

30. Provide input on the content of the 2012 Austin Energy Performance Report (the 2011 report is at <http://www.austinenergy.com/About%20Us/Newsroom/Reports/index.htm>). Ms. Biedrzycki addressed the Commission, offering suggestions for the FY 2012 report.

OLD BUSINESS

31. Discussion and acceptance of the Electric Utility Commission's Annual Internal Review and Report, per Section 2-1-46 of the City Code. **The motion to approve the report with minor corrections, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.** The staff liaison will submit the report to the City Clerk by March 31.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

32. Request agenda items, including information related to the Upcoming Procurements Report – Vice Chair Hadden and Commissioner Smaha requested that the Sustainability Officer provide a briefing about the green purchasing policies in April. Vice Chair Hadden requested frequent updates on the South Texas Project. Commissioner Fath requested a discussion of capital recovery (hook-up) fees in June. Commissioner Schmandt requested a discussion about water meter disconnections in April.
33. **ADJOURN** – Chair Bernfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. without objection.