



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved October 21, 2013
SEPTEMBER 15, 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** – Vice Chair Karen Hadden called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Commissioners in attendance: Karen Hadden, Vice Chair; Shudde Fath, Dr. Varun Rai, and Clay Butler. Bernie Bernfeld, Chair, and Linda Shaw were absent. (There is one vacant position on the Commission.) Staff in attendance: Cheryl Mele, J.J. Gutierrez, Mark Dreyfus, Debbie Kimberly, David Wood, Alan Claypool, Pat Sweeney, Liz Jambor, Gerard MacCrossan, and Toye Goodson Collins of Austin Energy; and Rosemary Ledesma of the Purchasing Department.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **The motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting as corrected, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Butler, passed on a vote of 4-0.** The time the meeting adjourned was corrected to 10:10 p.m.
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no speakers.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners pulled Items 8, 9, 10, 17, and 19 for discussion and recommended approval of Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 21 on consent. Votes are noted below.

4. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Feather & Fur Animal Hospital, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 9125 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas 78748, for an estimated \$6,057 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$60,570 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
5. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Steve Jackson Games, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 3735 Promontory Point Drive, Austin, Texas 78744, for an estimated \$23,488 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$234,880 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
6. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Western Will Properties, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 2555 Western Trails Bend, Austin, Texas 78745, for an estimated \$9,963 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$99,630 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
7. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Whole Foods Market Rocky Mountain/Southwest, L.P., to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 840 Interchange Blvd., Austin, Texas 78721, for an estimated \$42,888 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$428,880 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**

8. Authorize award and execution of various supply and service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 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 in an amount not to exceed \$30,606,339. Shared contract among City departments; AE's potential share is \$13,571,414. **The motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
9. Authorize award and execution of various supply and service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program, for the purchase of computer software and software maintenance and support in an amount not to exceed \$21,115,309. Shared contract among City departments; AE's potential share is \$12,402,130. **The motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
10. Authorize award and execution of various service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of technology services in an amount not to exceed \$37,365,387. Shared contract among City departments; AE's potential share is \$28,426,101. **The motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
11. Approve ratification of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with THE ANFIELD GROUP for North American Electric Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure Protection audit preparation services, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$276,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
12. Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with ENOSERV, LLC, for the purchase of PowerBase software including implementation, maintenance and support services for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
13. Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with POWER SUPPLY, INC. for the purchase of capacitor banks and associated parts for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$400,930, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$400,930 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,004,650. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
14. Authorize award and execution of a contract with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON INC. for the purchase of one pad-mounted, automatic transfer operation switchgear for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$126,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
15. Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply agreement with HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD for cast iron manhole covers and rings for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$164,580, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$54,860 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$329,160. **The**

motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.

16. Authorize award and execution of a contract with DREHER & ASSOCIATES INC., for the purchase of cooling tower fan decking and eight high efficiency fans at Austin Energy's Paul Robbins District Cooling Plant facility in an amount not to exceed \$195,146. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
17. Authorize award and execution of a 60-month requirements service agreement with WEST NOTIFICATIONS, INC. dba TWENTY FIRST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS, to provide a high-volume-call answering system for Austin Energy, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
18. Authorize award and execution of a contract with Roberts and Spencer Distributors for the purchase of replacement hydrogen dryers at Austin Energy's Decker Creek Power Station in an amount not to exceed \$148,796. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
19. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to a requirements service contract with GE POWER & WATER, TRANSCANADA TURBINES, and WOOD GROUP PRATT & WHITNEY, for maintenance and repair services for gas turbines at Austin Energy Power Plants, to increase the contract amount for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$8,300,000 each and combined, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$24,300,000 each and combined. **The motion to recommend approval, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, was withdrawn.**
20. Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service agreement with Dealers Electrical Supply for preventative and corrective maintenance services for the main switchboard at the Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communications Center, in an amount not to exceed \$54,715, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$54,715 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$273,575. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**
21. Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements service agreement with METALINK CORPORATION for fence installation and repair services at various Austin Energy and City of Austin sites in an amount not to exceed \$399,484, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$399,484 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,997,420. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Rai, passed on a vote of 4-0.**

Commissioners chose to hear item 23 before discussion on item 22.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

23. Smarte Building App - New mobile phone application for residential customers to monitor electric usage by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Distributed Energy Services; Liz Jambor, Manager, Data Analytics & Business Intelligence; and Michael Cation, CEO, High Performance SmarteBuilding. Commissioners were supportive of the demonstration and new App and requested a future update.

OLD BUSINESS

22. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy's line extension policy – Commissioner Fath noted that since Council adopted a \$100 flat fee for FY 2014, there was no rush to take action. Commissioners requested additional information prior to their discussion on the topic at next month's meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

24. Request agenda items, including information related to the Upcoming Procurements Report – Commissioners agreed to continue discussion of the line extension policy. Commissioner Butler requested information on the Value of Solar methodology. Commissioner Fath inquired about the solar report provided to the Resource Management Commission and Ms. Kimberly confirmed the item would be placed on their agenda.

ADJOURN – Vice Chair Hadden adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. without objection.