



**Council Committee on Austin Energy
Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 9:30 AM**

MINUTES

THE **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON AUSTIN ENERGY** CONVENED ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AT 9:35 A.M. IN THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 1101, CITY HALL, 301 W. SECOND STREET

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Mayor Leffingwell.

Agenda Item #1: Approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

The minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting of the Council Committee on Austin Energy were approved on the motion from Council Member Spelman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cole, with a 5-0 vote. Council Members Martinez and Tovo were off the dais.

Agenda Item #2: Briefing and discussion of Austin Energy's risk management program, including hedging policies and fuel management.

Cheryl Mele, Chief Operating Officer and Pat Sweeney, Director of Energy Market Operations presented information regarding the energy risk management program.

Agenda Item #3: Briefing and discussion of the collections process, utility service disconnections, and reconnection fees and policies.

Kerry Overton, Deputy General Manager and JJ Gutierrez, Vice President of Customer Care presented an overview on the collections process, including the disconnection and reconnection processes. Requests from the Committee included the back-up data for the cost study.

Agenda Item #4: Discuss legal issues related to Austin Energy fees, rates, and program offerings proposed for the FY 2013-14 budget.

The Council Committee on Austin Energy went into executive session as permitted under Chapter 551.086 of the Texas Government Code in order to discuss Austin Energy's risk management program, including hedging policies and fuel management; and under Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to discuss legal issues related to Austin Energy fees, rates, and program offerings proposed for the FY 2013-14 budget.

The Council Committee requested an item be posted for the budget discussion for legal issues related to the budget.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion of Austin Energy Quarterly Briefing, distributed after the August 13, 2013, committee meeting, regarding the generation plan, operational highlights, consumer service highlights, and a financial update.

Committee members dismissed discussion of the Austin Energy Quarterly Report.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion and possible action to set agenda items and dates for future committee meetings.

Committee members accepted by acclamation the next meeting date as October 8, 2013.

Agenda Item #7: Citizen communications.

Carol Biedrzycki spoke to the Committee regarding the disconnection and reconnection fees, policies and the cost of service study. She also stated concerns she has with partial payments and how they are applied.

Lanetta Cooper spoke to the Committee about her concerns with the data for the cost study for disconnections and reconnects, and that there should be a required time turnaround. She stated that the waiver allowing a payment plan even if disconnected should become permanent and she is concerned with partial payments on bills.

Charlie Hemmeline recommended that renewable energy be disaggregated into the various sources when presented.

Adjournment – Mayor Pro Tem Cole adjourned the meeting without objections at 11:45 a.m.

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