

**CITY OF AUSTIN – AUSTIN ENERGY
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA DATE: 12-12-2013

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with 9900 Spectrum LLC, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 9900 Spectrum Dr., Austin, Texas 78717, for an estimated \$41,564 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$415,640 over a 10-year period.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$41,564 is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on November 18, 2013, and the Resource Management Commission on November 19, 2013.

Austin Energy requests authorization to enter into an agreement with 9900 Spectrum LLC, to provide a performance-based incentive (PBI) for an estimated \$41,564 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$415,640 over the 10-year period for the generation of solar energy at its regional distribution facility located at 9900 Spectrum Dr., Austin, Texas 78717.

The total installation cost is \$687,940 and the incentive will cover between 58% and 60% of the cost. The PBI level for this project is \$0.12 per kWh for 10 years. The solar equipment, which meets Austin Energy program requirements, includes a total of 880 solar modules rated at 295 watts and associated inverters rated at 96% efficiency. A total of 200 kW-AC in demand savings is expected.

This energy improvement will save an estimated 329,870 kWh per year—enough to provide electricity to 29 average Austin homes for a year—and produce an estimated 330 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) per year. These savings are equivalent to the planting of 5,089 trees or 254 acres of forest in Austin's parks or the removal of 444,725 vehicle miles or 38 cars from Austin roadways. This project will save 218 tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂); 275 pounds of Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂); 304 pounds of Nitrogen Oxide (NOX); and 212 pounds of Carbon Monoxide (CO) from being emitted into the atmosphere, and will save 148,442 gallons of water at the generation power plant (evaporation only).