



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Electric Utility Commission

Recommendation No. 20131118-020

Resolution on Austin Energy's Line Extension Policy

WHEREAS, the City Council voted unanimously on October 24, 2013 for a \$5,400 impact fee, effective January 1, 2014, to extend water lines and for a \$2,200 impact fee, effective January 1, 2014, to extend wastewater lines in order to recover those costs for new growth; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, Austin Energy has proposed to start a five-year program on October 1, 2014 to recover 75% of the cost for extending electric lines to relieve Austin Energy ratepayers partially of new growth costs; **NOW THEREFORE**,


BE IT RESOLVED: The Electric Utility Commission recommends that City Council vote for an earlier recovery of 100% of electric line extension costs effective as soon as Austin Energy is able to accomplish the task, possibly by using a stakeholder group similar to the water and wastewater fee increase process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Electric Utility Commission also recommends that City Council consider exemptions for new housing projects in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and for other affordable housing projects.

Date of Approval: November 18, 2013

Record of the vote: Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 5-0, with Chair Bernfeld, Vice Chair Hadden, and Commissioners Fath, Rai, and Shaw voting for the resolution.

Attest:


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