



Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2014

The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force ('the Task Force') convened in a meeting at Town Lake Center Room 126 at 721 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Michael Osborne called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

Task Force members in attendance: Carol Biedrzycki, Clay Butler, Barry Dreyling, Grace Hsieh, Michael Osborne, Cyrus Reed, Mike Sloan and Michele Van Hyfte. Tom "Smitty" Smith was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived shortly afterwards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **The motion to approve minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting (with corrections), by Clay Butler and seconded by Grace Hsieh, passed on a vote of 9-0.** The corrections were to include speakers' topics on Citizen Communications and to add Mike Sloan as a member of the subcommittee formed to provide input for agendas (p. 2 of draft minutes, agenda item #4).

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The following person addressed the Task Force:

Dale Bulla – encouraged installation of more car charging stations and outreach to Travis County on environmental interests.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and adoption of operating rules – Task Force members reviewed and made the following changes to the draft "Proposed Operating Rules:"
 - #2 – the meeting time was changed from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.;
 - #3 – no changes; Mr. Osborne asked the liaison to ask Channel 6 about broadcasting meetings;
 - #7 – added language specifying that public input would be held at the beginning of meetings;
 - #10 – the last sentence, regarding attorney comment/input on the task force report, was deleted;
 - #16 – changed as follows: The Task Force may reconvene after ~~receiving any reaction or comments from Austin Energy, city council or the public on~~ submitting its recommendations to either respond to those comments, or propose modifications to ~~their~~ its initial recommendations. Thus, the Task Force may amend and/or supplement their initial recommendations any time before final city council action on the Austin Energy resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2020 as new information becomes available.
 - #17 – no changes; Mr. Osborne asked the liaison to seek advice from the Law Department on whether voting or non-voting proxies would be allowed.
 - #19 (an addition) – These rules may be suspended by a simple majority of the Task Force, except for those required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.**The motion to approve the draft rules, with the exception of #17, by Tom "Smitty" Smith and seconded by Carol Biedrzycki, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
3. Discussion of meeting locations – Toye Goodson, Task Force liaison, reported that future meetings would be held at City Hall, as requested. She agreed to provide members with the schedule of meetings and locations.

BRIEFINGS

4. Austin Energy's Generation Resources including potential retirement dates and useful operating lives by Sathibabu "Babu" Chakka, Manager, Energy Market Analysis, Austin Energy. Items 4 and 5 were combined into one presentation. During the presentation, Mr. Osborne requested that Mr. Chakka discontinue the presentation. He and other members provided direction on a revised presentation for next week's meeting.
5. Load Forecast and Capacity Gap by Mr. Chakka of Austin Energy.
6. ERCOT Market Overview – Mr. Osborne displayed the ERCOT contour map at <http://www.ercot.com/content/cdr/contours/rtnLmpHg.html>. Mr. Sloan distributed an ERCOT Price Duration Curve.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion of Council Resolution No. 20140410-024, establishing a new long-term goal for community-wide GHG emissions, introduced by Council Member Riley – Members reviewed the resolution. Mr. Osborne stated that Council Member Riley may attend next week's meeting to discuss the resolution.
8. Discussion regarding briefings and citizen communications – Mr. Osborne suggested adding an agenda item that would allow members to discuss issues brought up during briefings or Citizen Communications.
9. Discussion regarding future agenda items and the timing of the Task Force report to Council – Ms. Biedrzycki suggested scheduling a discussion regarding energy efficiency including terms and definitions and descriptions of the utility's programs. On next week's agenda members requested the following items: a summary or list of scenarios that Austin Energy plans to run; a revised presentation from Mr. Chakka; a presentation from ERCOT staff; the discussion of Council Member Riley's resolution; final acceptance of the operating rules; and a continued discussion on future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Osborne adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. without objection.