



Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2014

The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force ('the Task Force') convened in a meeting at Austin City Hall, Room 1101, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas.

CALL TO ORDER – Michael Osborne called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Task Force members in attendance: Carol Biedrzycki, Clay Butler, Barry Dreyling, Michael Osborne, Cyrus Reed, Mike Sloan and Michele Van Hyfte. Grace Hsieh and Tom “Smitty” Smith were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **The motion to approve minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting, by Cyrus Reed and seconded by Michele Van Hyfte, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The following person addressed the Task Force:

Dave Cortez – March 29 event at the Fayette Power Project with people nearby reporting an explosion and fire.

Kaiba White – agenda is missing discussion of economic benefits of resource options; hopes to see details in regards to scenarios.

Scott Johnson – concerned that energy efficiency will not receive adequate attention in the plan and urged the group to connect with Austin Energy staff and learn from professionals on how programs can be improved; the 2007 Austin Climate Protection Plan needs to be reviewed by the City to decide what is vital and what needs to be improved.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and adoption of operating rules – Mr. Osborne reported that the Law Department determined the Task Force could not designate proxies to attend meetings. Therefore, #17 on the proposed list of operating rules would be deleted and the rules, as voted on at the April 23, 2014, were considered final.
3. Discussion of meeting locations – Members discussed topics of upcoming weekly meetings. Mr. Osborne requested that members present their views on the direction of the generation resource plan and the group’s work at the meeting on May 28 which will be held in Council Chambers. He requested that an additional meeting be arranged for the evening of Thursday, May 29 in Council Chambers to allow for public comment. He also requested that their June 25 meeting be rescheduled to June 23 or 24 because of a previous commitment on June 25. Mr. Osborne suggested that the Task Force create a writing committee at their May 28 or June 4 meeting whose purpose would be to draft the report.

Mr. Osborne announced that Council Member Riley would arrive at 3:00pm to discuss Agenda Item #4 and suggested that Austin Energy proceed with their presentation.

BRIEFINGS

5. Presentation of Austin Energy generation units, including PPA generation units by Sathibabu “Babu” Chakka, Manager, Energy Market Analysis, and John Wester, Manager Energy Supply and Risk Management. As Council Member Riley arrived, the presentation was placed on hold.

4. Discussion of Council Resolution No. 20140410-024, establishing a new long-term goal for community-wide GHG emissions, introduced by Council Member Riley – Council Member Riley and his Policy Aide Lewis Leff clarified the intent of the resolution and answered questions from Task Force members.
5. Presentation of Austin Energy generation units, including PPA generation units – Austin Energy staff members continued the presentation followed by questions and discussion by members. Their presentation also included Agenda Items 7 and 8. Several members commended Mr. Chakka and Mr. Wester for providing the data requested at last week's meeting. Task Force members requested updated charts on slides 10, 11 and 12 and more detail on proposed list of scenarios.
6. ERCOT presentation – Warren Lasher, Director, System Planning, ERCOT, provided a briefing called "ERCOT Long-Range Planning Overview" which was followed by questions and discussion by members.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Presentation of Austin Energy resources monthly and on peak days from 2011-2013 – See Agenda Item #5.
8. Presentation of Austin Energy's Generation Plan scenarios – See Agenda Item #5.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. Discussion regarding future agenda items, including a schedule of topics, and issues raised during briefings and Citizen Communications during this meeting – Mr. Osborne said topics of the next meeting would relate to affordability and cost issues. He requested that Cheryl Mele, Chief Operating Officer, Austin Energy, address the group about providing information on the costs of Austin Energy's generating units. Members requested more detail on proposed scenarios. Carol Biedrzycki requested that Austin Energy update the electricity burden study. Mr. Osborne asked Kaiba White to work with Tom "Smitty" Smith on a presentation about economic benefits.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Osborne adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m. without objection.