



Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2014

The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force ('the Task Force') convened in a meeting at Austin City Hall, Room 1029, 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, Barry Dreyling, Grace Hsieh, Michael Osborne, Cyrus Reed, Mike Sloan, Tom “Smitty” Smith and Michele Van Hyfte. Clay Butler was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **The motion to approve minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting, by Ms. Biedrzycki and seconded by Mr. Reed, passed on a vote of 8-0.**

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The following persons addressed the Task Force:

Paul Robbins – suggested alternatives to the free weatherization program to assist low-income customers.

Jere Locke – representing the Texas Drought Project, urged action at the local level due to challenges at the state and national levels.

Ruby Roa – representing the Catholic Ladies of Charity, urged increased and more efficient funding for free weatherization assistance for the working poor.

Paul Limón – AE customer has high utility bills and needs assistance with payments and weatherizing his home.

Johnny Limón – AE customer asked for assistance for his brother Paul.

Mr. Osborne stated that customer issues such as payment arrangements were not within the purview of the Task Force and suggested AE staff assist Mr. Limon.

BRIEFINGS

2. Panel Discussions and Presentations on Energy Storage Technology – The Task Force received and discussed the following presentations: “Energy Storage Technical Panel” by Mark Hardin of Younicos; Thermal Storage Cooling: An Overlooked Utility Resource” by Mark Kapner of MV Green Power; “The Case for CAES” by Jack Farley and Keith Folzen of APEX Bethel Energy Center; and CAES technology by Mark Bruce of Chamisa Energy.
3. Presentation by Austin Energy on its Energy Efficiency and Demand Side programs – The Task Force received and discussed a presentation on Green Building by Richard Morgan, Manager, Green Building, and a presentation on energy efficiency and other DSM programs by Denise Kuehn, Manager, Energy Efficiency Services. Ms. Kuehn also distributed “Customer Energy Solutions Program Progress Report 2013-2014.”

Mr. Smith left the dais.

The Task Force requested to hear the Pecan Street presentation next and then return to staff presentations.

9. Discussion by of potential of demand side technologies and programs by Matthew Crosby of Pecan Street Inc.

4. Presentation by Austin Energy on its Electric Vehicle Program by Richard Morgan.

Due to time constraints, Mr. Osborne suggested the group discuss New Business next.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Discussion of competitive issues and other obstacles to the Task Force – Mr. Osborne stated that Mr. Smith and Mr. Sloan met with AE staff on May 12 to discuss requests and a second meeting was planned for May 15. Mr. Sloan, Mr. Dreyling, and Mr. Reed will attend.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Review of past Austin Energy presentation regarding wholesale real time market purchases including those related to unplanned outages (Item #4 on May 7, 2014 agenda) – Mr. Sloan requested data from AE on net market purchases.
6. Review of past Austin Energy presentation regarding present and future costs associated with generation resources—the all-in dollar per watt production costs—including O&M costs, debt and finance costs, fuel hedging contracts, fuel costs, and future costs related to new environmental regulations (Item #2 on May 7, 2014 agenda) – Mr. Reed said he hoped that as AE provided data on energy storage technologies, that we could adjust some of these numbers.
7. Discussion of Austin Energy resources and peak demand and demand side resources – Regarding programs for low-income customers, Ms. Biedrzycki said the water utility had protocols to assist customers with water leaks. She asked the group whether unusually high electric usage could be looked at in the same manner and whether the issue should be part of their demand side discussion.
8. Discussion regarding generation plan scenarios – No discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. Discussion regarding future agenda items, including a schedule of topics, and issues raised during briefings and Citizen Communications during this meeting – For next week's agenda, Mr. Osborne requested a short presentation from AE on its solar programs and community solar. He said one presenter on DSM who could not attend today's meeting would be rescheduled for next week. Mr. Reed said that Mr. Smith had requested a presentation on STP. Mr. Osborne requested that AE provide him with contact information for a STPNOC representative. On May 28, Mr. Osborne said the Task Force meeting would be held in Council Chamber and members were invited to make presentations. Next week, the group will discuss plans for the public input session scheduled for the evening of May 29 in Council Chamber. In June, he said the group would appoint a writing committee to create their report.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Osborne adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m. without objection.