



**Resource Management Commission
December 16, 2014
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:35 p.m. Vice Chair Sean Kelly and Commissioners Carol Biedrzycki, Grace Hsieh, Hari Krishna and Luke Metzger were also in attendance. Commissioner Richard Amato was not present at the call to order, but arrived after Citizen Communications.

Austin Energy staff in attendance included Debbie Kimberly, Liz Jambor, Denise Kuehn and Toye Goodson-Collins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Ms. Biedrzycki, passed on a vote of 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS – Paul Robbins said that energy efficiency upgrades for appliances in the free weatherization program were a bad strategy because it they are not cost effective. He said the cost per home could be up to \$12,000 and have a 42-year pay back. He also said there was an effort to revive replacing appliances in the new Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force.

Mr. Dielmann asked for an update from Ms. Biedrzycki, the Chair of the Task Force. She reported that the Task Force held their first meeting on December 10 and that they planned on forming several committees to study programs for low-income residents such as the free weatherization program. She suggested providing more information to the Commission after the Task Force had looked into such issues, perhaps in March or April.

Richard Amato arrived.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Approve issuance of a rebate to Austin Convention Enterprises for the installation of energy efficiency improvements at the Austin Hilton Convention Center located at 500 East 4th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, in an amount not to exceed \$70,914.50. **Motion to recommend approval of Item 2 by Ms. Biedrzycki, seconded Mr. Kelly, passed on vote of 7-0.**

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

3. Austin Energy: Update to data in 2010 Residential Electricity Burden report – Liz Jambor, Manager, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence, provided an update on specific data tables included in the report, as requested by Ms. Biedrzycki. Ms. Jambor thanked staff members John Trowbridge and Brian Kennedy for providing the

data. Ms. Biedrzycki also thanked staff and requested that Table 2a split the category labeled “0-100%” into two categories “0-50%” and “51-100%.”

4. Austin Water Utility: Current regional water planning activities – This briefing was postponed to the January 20, 2015 meeting, as requested by staff.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discussion and approval of 2015 meeting schedule – Commissioners discussed moving their monthly meetings to another day of the week including the second or third Wednesday of the month or the second Tuesday of the month. They also requested that staff look into holding meetings at City Hall. **Motion to move the next meeting from Tuesday, January 20, 2015 to Wednesday, January 21, 2015 and revisit the remainder of meeting dates for 2015, by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Metzger, failed on a vote of 0-7.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Requests for future agenda items and updates from Commissioners on activities of interest – Mr. Dielmann suggested working up a 6-month presentation schedule at the next meeting. Mr. Metzger requested an update on the Generation Plan and Mr. Dielmann requested an ECAD update.

ADJOURN – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:20 p.m.