

#### BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

# Electric Utility Commission Recommendation No. 20150126-012

#### **Business Model**

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2014 City Council approved an update to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. Part of this plan, under Section 16, is the instruction to "continue work to transform Austin Energy's basic business model to address and integrate increased deployment of distributed energy resources, including distributed energy generation." The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) acknowledges the importance of this objective as it relates to the mid- to long-term viability of Austin Energy;

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council:

- start a formal process through the Council Committee on Austin Energy with the intent of the development of a structural planning and implementation process
- contract with external experts in the field as advisors during this process
- accept input through an appropriate stakeholder process

### BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED,

The EUC asks City Council to ensure that the EUC can perform its duties by providing the appropriate involvement in this process.

Date of Approval: January 26, 2015

Record of the Vote: Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 6-0 with

Heidebrecht absent.

Attest:

Jeff Vice, Staff Liaisor