

PRELIMINARY REPORT COMMENTS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION
For Distribution to Task Force Members on April 10, 2015

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Comments from Cyrus Reed and Karen Hadden

- Continue to evaluate energy efficiency and demand response opportunities in addition to those in the Generation Resource Plan approved in 2014 to meet demand reduction goals of at least 800 megawatts (MWs) by 2020 and 900 by 2025 (with ~~200~~ 100 MW of demand response), such as 1,200 MWs of demand reduction by 2025, as recommended as a goal to study in the Generation Plan. Austin Energy should also consider specific energy savings goals in addition to the demand reduction goals.
- Zero-Net Energy Homes
- Continue to support the goal of requiring that all new homes in Austin be zero-net energy capable by the end of 2015, including a provision that all new homes be solar-ready.
- Continue support for Austin Energy's Green Building programs and for updating building codes, since these both help lower utility bills, and therefore improve affordability.

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Comments from Chris Strand

1. The 2016 weatherization budget include funding equal to the current annual budget for energy efficiency services targeted to low-income customers and CAP (Customer Assistance Program) weatherization plus all funds that were budgeted for CAP weatherization all low-income programs over the past three years that were not expended and \$900,000 of the multi-family funds. In addition, we further advise that:
 - the 2016 energy efficiency weatherization budget include monies for pilot programs to investigate alternative methods to direct installation of weatherization measures integrated into the housing repair programs such as use of contractor rebates,
 - the income threshold for the weatherization program include affordable housing eligibility requirements,
 - the weatherization budget include a portion of the portion of the multi-family program funds that will be targeted to properties serving low and low-moderate income households, and
7. Investigate a virtual billing policy to enable customers of all classes including affordable housing developers and residents to more fully utilize solar to reduce bills by virtually dividing the value of solar credits for one or more solar installations and applying them to multiple customer accounts regardless of location.

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Comments from Lanetta Cooper

Programs to be implemented in 2017

1. AE do a bulk purchasing agreement with retailer-manufacturer doing business in Austin for refrigerators that would provide for installation, removing the replaced refrigerator, and getting rid of the replaced refrigerator in an environmentally-safe way.
 - a. Refrigerator has to be at least fifteen years old
 - b. Only one choice (maybe two) for refrigerator to be installed
 - c. Sliding scale cost from 0 for persons at 200% or below poverty level to 90% for customers whose family incomes are above 400%.
 - d. One refrigerator per household.
 - e. Homeowners and tenants who get notarized statement from landlord that the refrigerator to be replaced is tenant's property are eligible
2. Free programmable thermostats to customers with HVACs and whose family incomes are 0 to 400% federal poverty guidelines