



# Austin Energy: Cost of Service Study

Austin Energy Utility  
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# Key Cost of Service Process Steps

- Late summer/fall 2015: Staff conducts Cost of Service Study
- Fall 2015: Council issues instructions to Impartial Hearings Examiner
- Winter 2015/spring 2016: Hearings held by Impartial Hearings Examiner
- Late spring 2016: Findings and Recommendations to Council from Impartial Hearings Examiner
- Early summer 2016: Council deliberations on Cost of Service and Rates
- Mid/late summer 2016: Input into budget development
- Fall 2016: Implement new rates in billing system



# Anticipated Council Approvals

- Procedural Actions:
  - August 2015: Extend funding for Cost of Service consultants
  - August 2015: Approve contract for outside legal counsel
  - September 2015: Approve selection of Independent Consumer Advocate
  - October 2015: Approve selection of Impartial Hearings Examiner
  - Fall 2015: Adopt procedural instructions for Impartial Hearings Examiner
  - Fall 2015: Briefing from Impartial Hearings Examiner on ratemaking principles, review process, and procedural milestones.
- Other Actions:
  - Late Fall: Adopt policy guidance document for Impartial Hearings Examiner
  - Ongoing: Adopt responses to questions certified by the Impartial Hearings Examiner to the Council for clarification