



Electric Utility Commission

May 18, 2015

Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regularly-scheduled meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Osborne at 6:01 pm. Commissioners Fath, Hadden, Heidebrecht, Meijer and Rai were also in attendance. Commissioner Herbert was absent.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.
Motion to approve meeting minutes (Fath); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed on a vote of 6-0, with Herbert absent.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** *Glen Coleman (Commercial Solar Leasing Resolution); Alex Wright (solar leasing); Blake Mendez (not speaking/solar leasing); Chris Czichos (weatherization); Carol Biedrzycki (Item 27, customer appeal process); Moore McDonough (Multi-family rebate items); Dale Bulla (Conservation Program concerns); Kevin Opp (not speaking/solar leasing); Al Braden (Austin Beyond Coal Campaign); Kaiba White (solar RFP)*

NEW BUSINESS (Targeted Council Date)

- Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Items 3 thru 17, except for Item 14 (Rai); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 6-0. Motion to recommend approval of Item 14 (Rai); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed on a vote of 5-1, with Commissioner Hadden voting “no.” Motion to postpone consideration of Item 18 (Hadden); seconded (Meijer); passed on a vote of 4-2, with Commissioners Rai and Heidebrecht voting “no.”**
3. (5/21) Authorize award and execution of a 36-month service contract with ALLIED FENCE & SECURITY to provide fencing repair and installation in an amount not to exceed \$2,831,296, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$943,765 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,662,592. [Various dptmts.; AE’s annual portion is \$87,500.]
 4. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to Cousins Properties Incorporated for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 303 Colorado Street, in an amount not to exceed \$146,801.
 5. (6/4) Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Foundation Communities to provide incentives for the installation of solar electric systems at its 140 residential units at the Homestead Oaks location at 3226 W. Slaughter Lane, for a total amount not to exceed \$193,248.
 6. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to 8800 I 35 LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Avesta Solano Apartments located at 8800 N. IH-35, in an amount not to exceed \$79,382.

7. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to BTL Thrive LTD, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Bluffs at Town Lake Apartments located at 2005 Willow Creek Dr, in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.
8. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to Firmus Equity Partners, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Mueller Flats Apartments (1071 Clayton Ln), in an amount not to exceed \$97,786.
9. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to 6808 S. IH 35, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Southpoint Village Apartments (6808 S. IH35), in an amount not to exceed \$79,200.
10. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to Texas Student Housing Authority, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Town Lake Student Apartments located at 1109 S. Pleasant Valley Rd, in an amount not to exceed \$73,878.
11. (6/4) Approve issuance of a rebate to Presidium AMC Hidden Villas Venture, LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Vue Apartments located at 7607 Blessing Ave., in an amount not to exceed \$85,800.
12. (6/4) Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with ENERGY ENGINEERING ASSOC., INC dba EEA CONSULTING ENGINEERS (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP165A, to provide Engineering Services for the Downtown District Cooling Plant #3 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.
13. (6/18) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month construction services contract with BILFINGER TEPSCO for Chilled Water Piping Construction on Customer Distribution Sites (Rebid) in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.
14. (6/4) Authorize award and execution of a 12-month service contract with STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC. to provide printing and mailing of Austin Energy's monthly PowerPlus Newsletter in an amount not to exceed \$78,053, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$78,053 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$390,265.
15. (6/4) Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 5 to the contract with PIKE ELECTRIC, LLC., for transmission and distribution construction and maintenance services to increase the contract authorization for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.
16. (6/4) Authorize award service contract with CORMETECH, INC., or another qualified offeror to RFP NST0024, for removal, assembly, inspection and installation of a new catalyst for the Selective Catalytic Reduction system in the combined cycle Unit 5 at Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$419,000.

17. (6/4) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month supply contract with STUART C. IRBY, CO. to provide 362kV circuit breakers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$2,780,640, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$ 1,390,320 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,951,600.
18. (6/4) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month supply contract with SMITH MOUNTAIN INVESTMENTS, LLC to provide inspection and treatment services of distribution wood poles for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$807,678, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$403,839/extension, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,019,195.

BRIEFINGS

19. Financial Forecast Presentation
Mark Dombroski, CFO; David Kutach, Budget Director
20. Briefing regarding Austin Energy's Distribution System/Infrastructure Investments
Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery; Allen Small, Director, Distribution South

OLD BUSINESS

21. Discussion and possible action regarding the Power Supply Adjustment and Fuel Adjustment Clause
22. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan including EUC working group report and RFP addendum
23. Discussion and possible action regarding 4th quarter report and year-end report
24. Discussion regarding staff response to request for back cast simulations for solar, wind, and gas generation
25. Discussion and possible action on Austin Energy's direct and support service transfers to the city of Austin General fund
26. Discussion and possible action regarding EUC Annual Report
Motion to approve 2015 EUC Annual Report as presented and inclusive of Commissioner Fath's edits (Heidebrecht); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 6-0.
27. Discussion and possible action on customer appeal process
Motion to recommend approval of a resolution brought by Hadden regarding Electric Utility Bill Dispute Resolution Process (Hadden); seconded (Rai); passed on a vote of 6-0.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

28. Discussion and possible action regarding recent wind additions and losses (Osborne; Meijer)

29. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy's responsiveness to the Electric Utility Commission's requests for information and clarification (Osborne; Meijer)

OTHER BUSINESS

30. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items

Fath – Demand Charges for Small Commercial Customers

Heidebrecht – Solar Leasing Resolution

ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.