

### **Unlike Any Other**

An introduction for the Electric Utility Commission

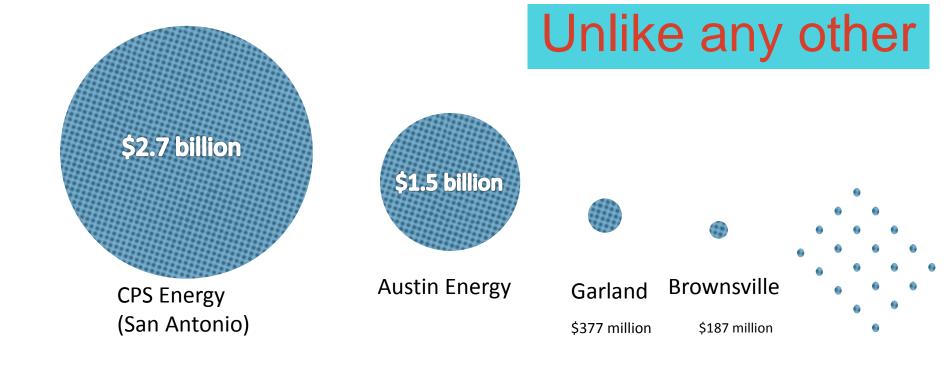


## Overview

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### 2 large Texas cities control their electric utility





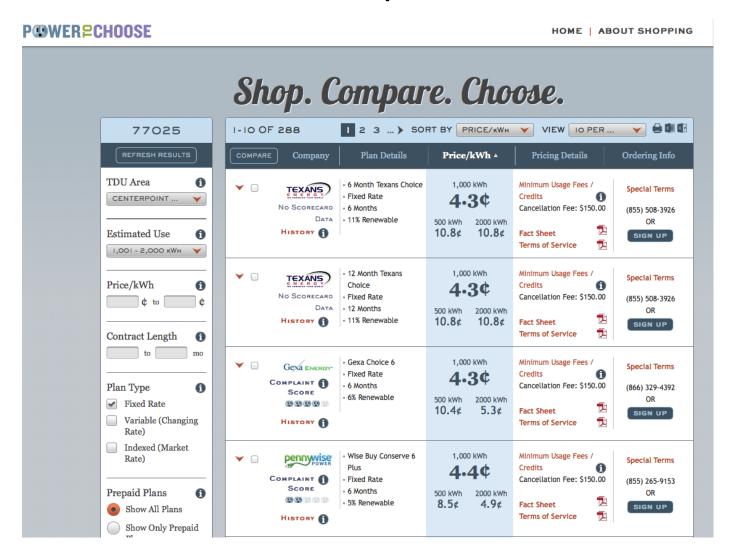
## Only San Antonio and Austin have ...

- Exclusive right to serve retail customers
- City Council determines retail rates and policies
- Vertically integrated status

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#### Most Texans choose their provider





#### Because we are owned by the public

- Austin City Council picks the rates, renewable content, and length of contract for the consumer
  - We want our customers' bills to be as low as possible, with affordable and competitive rates
  - All our proceeds build community
  - We are 2x and becoming 3-5x greener than the rest of the state

Community values, global benefits



#### Austin Energy helps consumers reduce their bill

#### For renters

- Lowest 500 kWh cost, tiered rates
- Extraordinary, specific information about electric costs of rental units
- LEDs, appliance rebates and thermostats with quick payback
- ♦ 17,000\* apartment units made more energy efficient
- Energy-saving building code
- Weatherization
- Green Building program
- Community solar with portable potential for long-term savings

#### 918 kWh/month

#### For owners

- Lowest 500 kWh cost, tiered rates
- Energy efficiency and appliance rehates
- Green Building
- Owned and leased solar payments and incentives
- Rooftop solar, community solar
- \* Weatherization

<sup>\*</sup> Rebates and Green Building Energy Code



### We help make paying bills more affordable

#### Standard

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- Budget payment plans
- Deadline extensions

#### Exceptional

- 20-30% discount for those enrolled in social welfare programs
- Most lenient deferred payment arrangement



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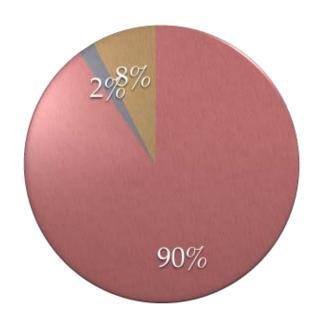
- No profits paid to shareholders
- \$105 million current payment to General Fund, 3rd largest source of General Fund revenue
- \$50+ million more in shared services and payments
- Single billing system for all city fees and rates
- Superior reliability for high tech industries employing many of our customers
- Lake Austin, Lake Lady Bird and Decker Lake
- Streetlights, Moon Towers and Austin Energy Regional Science Fest



#### Greener power, cleaner world

Solar Wind **Biomass** 

#### Current renewable contracts



- The power we sell the market is 2x as renewable as power we buy
- We will soon by 3x more renewable
- 2014 Plan targets 5x renewable 950 MWs solar, 1,575 MW wind, 900 MW energy efficiency and demand response; retiring coal and gas
- + 10,000 homes Green Building rated
- +Top 4 U.S. cities for electric vehicle charging; 55,000 sessions
- 2014 saw highest reduction in peak demand ever
- FPA: 2014 FNFRGY STAR Partner of the Year -Sustained Excellence Award 10 years

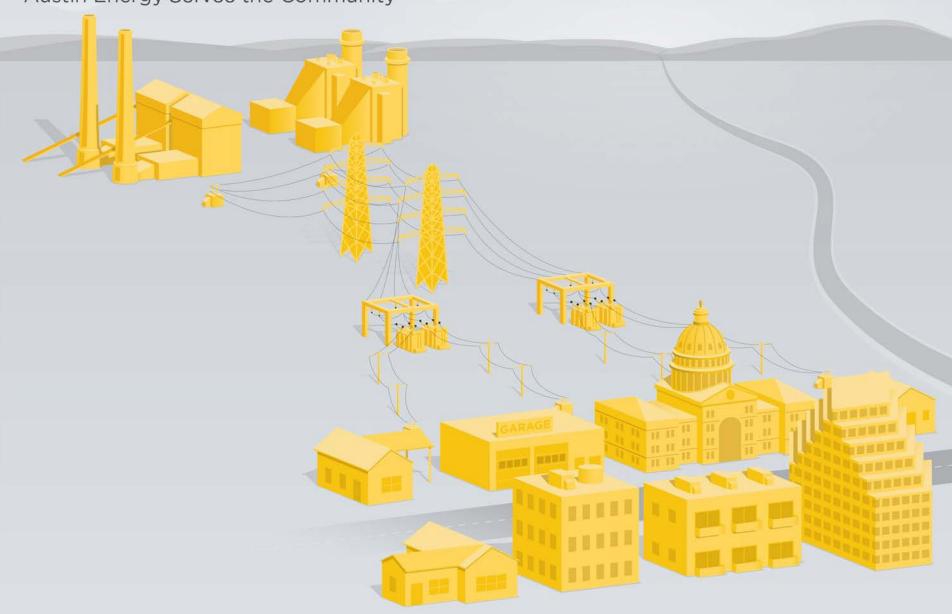


### Myths, great and small

- We sell the power we make to our customers
- Our customers pay all of our bills
- We are immune to competitive pressures
- What happens in Austin, stays in Austin
- We serve Austin
- Energy efficiency and solar measures reduce or eliminate the need for Austin Energy to build new power plants
- Renewable power saves money today

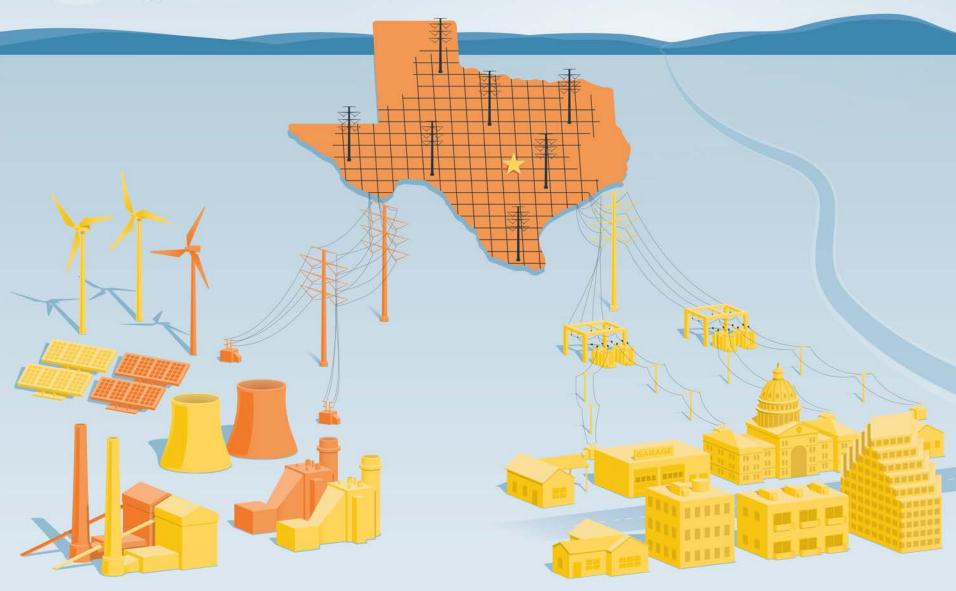
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# **HOW IT IS ALL CONNECTED: THE NEW WAY**

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### Current challenges

- Cost of service study possibly leading to rate change
- Large industrials and others, with legislative scrutiny, want longterm price reductions
- Council-adopted 500+ Generation Plan calls for investment in natural gas, solar and wind, disinvestment in old gas and coal
- Low and falling prices for our energy output



#### Austin Energy by the numbers

- FY 2015 Budget \$1.51 billion
- # of employees 1673
- Distribution lines 11,429 miles
- Reliability better than industry average
- All-time summer peak 2,714 MW
- All-time winter peak 2,195 MW



### Strengths

- Very reliable grid
- Very reliable power plants
- Diverse portfolio for production
- Well-placed if environmental rules tighten and early efforts are grandfathered
- Good people