



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Electric Utility Commission

Recommendation No. 20150803-001

600 MW Utility Scale Solar Purchase

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2014, City Council adopted the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025 (2025 Generation Plan), which states that the Plan recommends a new RFP be issued by Austin Energy for up to 600 MW of utility-scale solar in 2015 and that Austin Energy will contract for up to 600 megawatts of utility scale solar no later than 2017 “if available and affordable”; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2015, Austin Energy presented an overview of the solar energy proposals following up on the issuing of the RFP and almost 8,000 megawatts of projects are proposed, more than 600MW at prices below the last solar contracts signed by Austin Energy; and

WHEREAS, the EUC has formed an “Austin Energy Resource Generation, and Climate Protection Plan” working group; and

WHEREAS, this EUC working group is tasked with making a determination on the advisability of a 600MW solar purchase to the full Commission on August 17th, 2015;

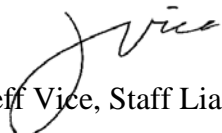
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That pending the working group determination and vote of the Electric Utility Commission, and within 30 days, that the Austin City Council and the City Manager schedule Austin Energy to present to Council their preferred proposal that would meet the 600MW utility scale solar requirement in the Generation Plan by no later than 2017.

Date of Approval: August 3, 2015

Record of the Vote: Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 10-0 with Wray absent.

Attest:


Jeff Vice, Staff Liaison