

**Plan for 600 Megawatts of Solar by 2017**  
**Revised as of October 2, 2015**

As directed by Council Resolution No. 20150917-077, Austin Energy presented a plan on September 24, 2015 that reviewed the steps and impacts of a plan to “meet the 600 megawatts (MW) utility scale solar goal by no later than 2017” if available and affordable. The steps, if approved, include:

- 1) Approve the staff recommended RCA authorizing execution of a 15-year power purchase agreement with East Pecos Solar, LLC, for approximately 118 megawatts of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity, in an estimated amount of \$13 million per year; and power purchase agreements with other qualified offerors for approximately 182 megawatts of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity, for terms of up to 25 years in an estimated amount of \$20 million per year; for an estimated combined total of \$695 million.  
(Note: Council approved this item October 1.)
- 2) Approve this additional RCA authorizing execution of power purchase agreements with one or more qualified offerors for up to 350 MW (i.e., whatever remainder is necessary to achieve a total of approximately 600 MW) of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity.

During the related discussion at the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting on September 24, 2015, staff also provided their recommendation, in lieu of approving the above, to implement the 600 MW of utility-scale solar in a way that reduces risks and is more favorable to the competitive position of customer rates:

- 1) October 1, 2015 – Approve up to 300 MW of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity.
- 2) Before 2025 – Procure additional solar PPAs or through direct ownership, that combined with the final amount executed as of the October 1, 2015 authorization, totals up to 600 MW of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity.