



**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION 20151012-001**

**Date:** October 12, 2015 (Special-called Joint Meeting with the Electric Utility Commission)

**Subject:** Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to adopt a plan for achieving 600 megawatts of utility-scale, solar generation capacity by 2017 in addition to solar capacity currently existing or under contract, and to authorize negotiation and execution of power purchase agreements with qualified offerors for up to 350 megawatts of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity (for a total acquisition of approximately 600 megawatts of new solar capacity, if available and affordable) for terms of up to 25 years, for a combined estimated annual amount of \$44,000,000 and combined total of \$1,100,000,000.

**Motioned By:** Cyrus Reed

**Seconded By:** Luke Metzger

**Recommendation:**

The Resource Management Commission unanimously recommends approval of the power purchase agreements with two caveats.

**Description of Recommendation to Council:**

Austin City Council should direct Austin Energy to contract at least 101 MW and up to 312 MW of additional solar based on the contracts described as “up to 350 additional MW of solar,” as long as the maximum expected PSA impact of all solar contracted in 2015 on all rate classes would be less than or equal to 1.01 percent in 2017. Furthermore, to the extent 600 MW of total solar is not contracted in 2015, Austin Energy should present an updated plan for acquiring or owning any additional solar to City Council no later than January 31, 2017.

**Vote:** 9-1

**For:** Leo Dielmann, Chair (D7); Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair (Mayor); Commissioners Luke Metzger (D1), Michael Wong (D4), James Dwyer (D6), Suzanne Vaughan (D8), Cyrus Reed (D9) and Andrew Gill (D10)

**Against:** Kaiba White (D2)

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Gregory Santiago (D5)

**Attest:** 

Toye Goodson, Staff Liaison