



Electric Utility Commission

August 17, 2015

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Hadden at 6:04 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Heidebrecht, Mahmood, Norris, Osborne, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *Rebecca Melancon (lower peak demand threshold); Leslie Libby, Mark Kapner, Pat Bulla, Beki and Richard Halpin, Michael Lumbley and Dale Bulla (buy solar now).*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the July 20, 2015 regular meeting and the August 3, 2015 special-called meeting.

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes (Fath); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0. Motion to approve special-called meeting minutes (Norris); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

(__)=Target Council Meeting Date for Recommendations for Council Action (RCAs)

Motion to recommend approval of Items 4 – 8 and 14 (Fath); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0. Following discussion: Motion to recommend approval of Items 2 and 3 (Biedrzycki); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0. Motion to recommend approval of Items 9 – 13 with conditions (Biedrzycki); seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 11-0.

The EUC's recommendation was that the City Council approve the upcoming State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchasing program Citywide RCAs with the following conditions -- that Austin Energy will: 1) develop associated performance metrics compared to other utilities; 2) provide a six-month update on amount spent to the EUC; and 3) provide a quarterly report to the EUC on the utility billing system.

2. (8/20) Approve issuance of a rebate to Brandywine Operating Partnership, L.P., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 5707 Southwest Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$130,828.
3. (9/17) Approve issuance of a rebate to Home Depot U.S.A., Inc., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 1300 Park Center Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$197,259.

4. (9/17) Approve issuance of a rebate to Austin 18 Hotel, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 110 East 2nd Street, in an amount not to exceed \$198,487.
5. (9/17) Approve issuance of a rebate to Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC, for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 12100 Samsung Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$104,028.
6. (8/20) Authorize execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC. for the purchase of three-phase reclosers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$79,125.
7. (8/20) Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month contract with HPI, LLC and MECHANICAL DYNAMICS & ANALYSIS, LTD. to provide aero-derivative generator maintenance services for Austin Energy in a combined amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, with two 24-month extension options in a combined amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 per extension option, for a combined total contract amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.
8. (9/17) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month interlocal agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS on behalf of the Clean Energy Incubator, a program of the Austin Technology Incubator, for mutual assistance in the clean energy field, in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.
9. (8/20) For Various Departments: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES with RFD & ASSOCIATES, INC. (WBE), to provide unlimited software licensing, software maintenance, hardware support, and professional services for Oracle in an amount not to exceed \$11,467,950. [AE's portion (Yr1 only): \$1,966,500]
10. (9/17) For Various Departments: Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program for the purchase of computer, telephone and network hardware and related maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$36,857,255. [AE's portion: \$17,404,957]
11. (9/17) For Various Departments: Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program, for the purchase of computer software and software maintenance and support in an amount not to exceed \$22,374,665. [AE's portion: \$11,252,613]
12. (9/17) For Various Departments: Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program, for the purchase of technology services in an amount not to exceed \$38,642,523. [AE's portion: \$28,836,898]
13. (9/17) For Various Departments: Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES contract with SHI-GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS INC for Office 365 Microsoft Enterprise License

Agreement for all City departments in an amount not to exceed \$17,594,810. [AE's portion: \$5.59M]

14. (10/1) Authorize award and execution of a 36-month contract with TECHLINE INC. to provide shoebox style light emitting diode luminaires and poles for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$329,868 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$109,956 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$659,736.

BRIEFINGS

15. 2016 Value of Solar Update – Danielle Murray, Solar Program Manager
16. Keeping the Lights on While Transitioning Off Fossil Fuels – Gene Preston, Member, IEEE's (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) Loss of Load Expectation Working Group

OLD BUSINESS

17. Discussion and possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.
Motion (Heidebrecht) to recommend approval of Austin Energy's FY 2015-16 budget subject to two adjustments: 1) Eliminate Austin Energy's transfer to the Economic Development Department; and 2) Refund, over three years, the over-collected/unspent energy efficiency funds, by reducing the Customer Benefit Charge accordingly. Motion seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0.
18. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.
Motion (Ferchill) to recommend that within 30 days Austin Energy present to the City Council its best plan for achieving an additional 600MW of solar power capacity by year-end 2017. Such plan should include, if financially feasible, Austin Energy ownership of a portion of the 600MW, and if feasible, located at the site Austin Energy already owns in West Texas, and options to acquire the facilities supplying PPAs (purchase power agreements) after the ITC (investment tax credit) recapture period has passed. Motion seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 10-1, with Stout voting against.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

19. Discussion and possible action regarding demand charges for commercial customers under 20 kilowatts. (Fath, Osborne)
Motion (Fath) to recommend that the City Council amend the budget to change the 10 kilowatt (kW) threshold back to 20kW and reduce the mandatory 12 months to three months for small commercial ratepayers. Motion seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 6-4, with Ferchill, Heidebrecht, Norris and Stout voting against, and Chair Osborne recusing.
20. Discussion of Austin Energy performance measures and how they can be measured at the district level. (Wray, Osborne)

OTHER BUSINESS

21. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items: Billing issues/complaints (Mahmood, Hadden); Sierra Club presentation on weatherization outreach (Roa)

ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:42 pm.