



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – September 15, 2015

The Resource Management Commission convened on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:11 p.m.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Leo Dielmann, Chair; Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair; James Dwyer, Cyrus Reed, Gregory Santiago, Susanne Vaughn, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Andrew Gill was not present at the Call to Order, but arrived after the consent item (3a) was approved. Luke Metzger was absent. One vacancy exists (District 3).

**Staff in Attendance:** Cheryl Mele, Pat Sweeney, Scott Jarman, David Hood and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting. **Motion to approve by Mr. Wong, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on vote of 8-0.**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were no speakers at this time, although Paul Robbins requested to speak later on item 3c.

**3. NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT**

Item 3a was approved on consent; Items 3b and 3c were pulled from consent for discussion. Dan Smith, Vice President, Electric Service Delivery, answered questions related to Item 3b; Pat Sweeney, Director, Energy & Market Operations and Cheryl Mele, Chief Operating Officer, answered questions related to Item 3c.

a. Recommend approval of the issuance of a rebate to Clarion Partners for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Lantana Ridge Apartments located at 6636 W. William Cannon Dr., in an amount not to exceed \$94,989. **Motion to approve on consent by Ms. Cregar, seconded by Mr. Dielmann, passed on a vote of 8-0.**

Mr. Gill arrived.

b. Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with 1ENERGY SYSTEMS INC. for the purchase of an energy storage system for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. **Motion to approve by Mr. Reed, seconded by Ms. White, passed on a vote of 9-0.**

c. Authorize execution of power purchase agreements with one or more qualified offerors for 200 to 275 megawatts of utility-scale, solar-generated electricity, in an estimated amount of \$22,500,000 to \$31,000,000 per year, and a total estimated amount of \$445,000,000 to \$620,000,000 with contract terms ranging between 15 and 25 years.

Mr. Robbins spoke regarding pricing of GreenChoice Batch 6 and previous wind PPAs; he stated positive and negative aspects of the proposed contracts.

**Motion to approve by Ms. Cregar, with the following modification to the funding section: “Funding will be provided through the PSA and, potentially, GreenChoice revenue, pending clarification on the eligibility to use the energy generated through this PPA or PPAs in the GreenChoice program.” Mr. Dielmann seconded the motion. Mr. Reed proposed, as a friendly amendment, adding language clarifying that their support does not**

**preclude additional purchases that may result from the RFP. The amendment was accepted by Ms. Cregar. The amended motion passed on a vote of 9-0.**

**4. BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

- a. Staff overview of Texas Gas Service's Conservation Program including a quarterly report by Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service.
- b. Member update on the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force by Mr. Reed and Mr. Wong. Mr. Robbins spoke regarding a misconception that low income customers were not receiving their share of assistance from Austin Energy; they receive assistance through the free weatherization program and the customer benefit fund which includes the CAP program. He stated the weatherization program should be revised to include basics, because the cost per home was too much.

**5. NEW BUSINESS – NON-CONSENT**

- a. Appoint a representative to serve on the City of Austin Joint Sustainability Committee, per Council Ordinance No. 20150820-005. **Motion to nominate Ms. White to the committee by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, passed on a vote of 9-0.**
- b. Amend the Bylaws as necessary to reflect changes associated with the 10-1 City Council structure. Commissioners reviewed proposed changes and requested additional information be provided at next month's meeting before taking action.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners requested items on the following topics in addition to those requested at earlier meetings: a briefing on the ECAD ordinance including compliance, property exclusions and recent changes to the annual reporting requirement; and a presentation of the report from the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:30 p.m.