



Electric Utility Commission

November 16, 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 Chair Osborne at 6:02 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Hadden, Mahmood, Norris, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance. Commissioner Heidebrecht arrived after first two RCA votes.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *Dale Bulla (invite to Global Climate March event 11/29/15, 1P, State Capitol); Lanetta Cooper (Item 2: against Oxford Advisors as consumer advisor; provided list of alternate names to consider); Al Braden (Item 10: Navigant Report has exciting implications for renewable energy); David Cortez (Item 10: representing Sierra Club, providing statement on report; disappointed Demand Response and Energy Storage not part of more robust study)*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the October 19, 2015 regular meeting.
Motion to approve minutes (Norris); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 9-0-1, with Wray abstaining and Heidebrecht absent.

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

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

Motion to recommend approval of Items 3, 4, 5, 7 8 and 9 (Biedrzycki); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Commissioner Heidebrecht off dais.

2. (11/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with OXFORD ADVISORS, LLC, for an independent consumer advocate for residential and small commercial electric utility customers, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

Motion to not recommend Item 2 (Fath); seconded (Mahmood); included the following language:

- Turn this RCA down;
- Put out a new RFP (Request for Proposals);
- Be sure to send it to all of the names that Lanetta Cooper had [presented during Citizen Communications] and anybody else that somebody could recommend;
- Increase the budget above \$200,000 to \$350,000;
- Do it as a Critical Business Need;

Plus friendly amendment from ViceChair Hadden:

- **[Solicited firms] Should have consumer experience, first and foremost in search;**

Plus friendly amendment from Commissioner Biedrzycki:

- **Make the procurement process flexible at Austin Energy's discretion, if they find that what we are suggesting – which is going through the RFP process – is not going to meet the need, then they should come back to us and say this is the way we want to do it in order to meet these objectives.**

The motion passed on a vote of 7-3-1 with Commissioners Ferchill, Stout and Wray voting against, and Commissioner Heidebrecht abstaining.

3. (12/17) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with TECHLINE PIPE LP, to provide manhole covers and rings, in an amount not to exceed \$176,702 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$88,351 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$441,755.
4. (12/17) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC., to provide relay retrofit assemblies, in an amount not to exceed \$175,860, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$87,930 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$439,650.
5. (12/17) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with Haverfield Aviation Inc., to provide aerial maintenance of electrical transmission lines, in an amount not to exceed \$530,700, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$265,350 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,326,750.
6. (12/17) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with CREATIVE CONSUMER RESEARCH INC., or another qualified offeror to Request for Proposal RMJ0302, for marketing research service studies in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Motion to recommend approval of Item 6 (Ferchill); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 9-1, with Commissioner Norris against and Heidebrecht off dais.

7. (12/17) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with Techline, Inc., to provide 362kV coupling capacitor voltage transformers, in an amount not to exceed \$201,960, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$100,980 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$504,900.
8. (12/17) Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract with LAUREN CONCRETE LP, to provide ready-mix concrete, in an amount not to exceed \$732,175, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$732,175 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,660,875.
9. (12/17) Authorize execution of amendments to two existing contracts with Atmos Pipeline – Texas, for natural gas transportation services, to extend the contracts for 36 months for an estimated aggregate amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.

BRIEFINGS

10. Update regarding Navigant Consulting's report pertaining to the 2025 Generation Plan.

Mark Dombroski, CFO

11. Briefing on Austin Energy performance measures and possible district-level measurement.

Mark Dombroski, CFO. EUC created Performance Measures Working Group, consisting of Commissioners Wray (Chair), Roa, Biedrzycki, and Norris.

12. Update on Cost of Service process and timeline.

Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications

OLD BUSINESS

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

14. Discussion regarding staff responses (provided at prior EUC meetings) to Commissioner Roa's questions regarding July 20, 2015 Introduction to Austin Energy presentation.

15. Amend the Bylaws as necessary to reflect changes associated with the 10-1 Council structure.

Motion to approve Bylaws as presented, striking Article 7(O) (Biedrzycki); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy Performance Review.

Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

17. Discussion regarding Austin Energy Third-Quarter Report. (Osborne, Hadden)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding Navigant Consulting's report. (Osborne, Hadden)

19. Presentation from the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force, including minority report. (Biedrzycki, Osborne)

Commissioner Biedrzycki presented, as Task Force Chair, along with Tim Arndt. Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions presented staff response. RMC Commissioners/TF Members Michael Wong and Chris Strand presented minority report.

OTHER BUSINESS

20. Discussion and possible action regarding 2016 EUC Calendar.

Motion to approve 2016 Calendar as presented (Fath); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 11-0.

21. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:04 pm.