



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES – December 15, 2015

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair; Jennifer Cregar, Vice Chair; Andrew Gill, Cyrus Reed, Gregory Santiago, Shane Saum, Susanne Vaughn and Michael Wong. James Dwyer and Kaiba White were not present at the Call to Order, but arrived prior to Citizen Communications. Luke Metzger was absent.

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Liz Jambor, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy; and Larry Graham and Julie Hatfield of Texas Gas Service.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the November 17, 2015 regular meeting.
Motion to approve by Mr. Dielmann, seconded by Mr. Wong, passed on vote of 8-0.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

Robin Dahlheim spoke regarding a project to produce electricity at oil field flares.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Authorize execution of an agreement with Apple Inc. to provide a second performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facilities at 12535, 12545, 12555 and 12565 Riata Vista Circle, for an estimated additional \$49,102.15 per year and \$491,021.48 over a 10-year period, and a combined total with the previous estimated incentive of \$83,345.56 per year and \$833,455.60 over a 10-year period. (District 6) **Motion to approve by Mr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Vaughan, passed on a vote of 10-0.**

4. **BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS**

- a. Quarterly Report from Texas Gas Service including information regarding program evaluation by Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham.
Paul Robbins addressed the commission and requested that they recommend that Texas Gas Service programs be cost effective. Ms. Hatfield reported that Texas Gas Service had hired a consultant to analyze their programs for cost effectiveness and the report would be completed in 2016.
- b. Report from Austin Energy regarding program evaluation by Liz Jambor, Manager, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations included in the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force Report and Minority Report, with emphasis on recommendations not supported by Austin Energy, and/or recommendations about which there was not consensus among Task Force members, per Resolution No. 20151210-029.

Paul Robbins (speaker) presented his analysis of some of the recommendations in the Task Force report and recommended that the RMC support the recommendations in the Minority Report.

Mr. Reed distributed his memo listing six recommendations not supported by Austin Energy and/or did not have consensus among Task Force members. As he pointed out, Austin Energy provided a

spreadsheet listing eight recommendations because two of the recommendations he combined in his memo were separated in the Austin Energy document.

Following discussion among commissioners and with Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, Ms. Cregar proposed to form a Working Group to review the 6-8 recommendations that were not currently moving forward. She suggested the group operate under a decision tree framework, first determining if the recommendation was within RMC's scope. The next decision point node would be to determine if the recommendation supported an existing Austin Energy goal. Ms. White suggested that the Working Group also review the seven recommendations currently under consideration by Austin Energy. Ms. Cregar asked Ms. White if it would be acceptable to her if the Working Group prioritize the first 6-8 recommendations and, if time allowed, review the seven recommendations currently under review by Austin Energy. She agreed.

Ms. Cregar formalized her motion as follows: "To form a Working Group to: 1) evaluate and potentially offer modifications and/or clarifications to each of the recommendations on which there was not consensus among the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force members and/or Austin Energy did not support the recommendations; and 2) if time allows, evaluate the recommendations that are still under consideration. In forming its recommendations, the working group shall use a decision tree evaluation approach as follows: Decision Point #1 – Does the recommendation fall within the RMC's scope as stated in the bylaws? If the answer is "no," no further consideration is given, and the working group does not offer a recommendation to the RMC for consideration. If the answer is "yes," advance to Decision Point #2. Decision Point #2 – Does the recommendation affect an existing Austin Energy goal? If the answer is "no," consider whether the working group would like to offer a new Austin Energy goal(s) to be supported by the recommendation. If needed, evaluate the recommendation in light of the proposed new Austin Energy goal(s) and propose modification/clarification for Austin Energy and City Council consideration and possible action. If the answer is "yes," evaluate the recommendation and propose modification/clarification for Austin Energy and City Council consideration and possible action. The working group shall report to the RMC monthly with the goal of adopting an RMC resolution or other appropriate format for providing feedback to City Council in March 2016."

Ms. White seconded the motion. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0, with Mr. Saum off the dais.

Mr. Dielmann requested volunteers to serve on the Working Group. The following five members agreed to serve: Cyrus Reed, Susanne Vaughan, Kaiba White, Michael Wong and Leo Dielmann.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dielmann asked Toye Goodson, Staff Liaison, to list agenda items scheduled for the January 19 meeting. She said there were two briefings: 1) the Office of Sustainability Quarterly Report including a related report from Fleet Services on plans to meet goals in Phase 1 of the Community Climate Plan; and 2) a report from Green Building on possible local amendments to the energy code. As requested earlier, an update from the Working Group will be added.

Ms. Cregar requested a report from the Texas Gas Service consultant on the findings of the study discussed earlier. Ms. Goodson suggested that be provided in March, when Texas Gas Service was due to return for their next Quarterly Report.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:20 p.m.