



AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Sheri Gallo
Vice Chair Leslie Pool
Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Delia Garza
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo
Council Member Ellen Troxclair
Council Member Don Zimmerman

Committee Members Absent:

Council Member Ora Houston

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- 1. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak.**
 - a.* Joep Meijer stated how the new gas plant would have lost money over previous years and how power from solar can help cover times of peak usage.
 - b.* Robert Murray stated that LCG and Navigant should work together on the independent review of the generation plan and that he has issues with how the procurement was scored.
 - c.* Susan Lippman stated her preference of Navigant and LCG as consultants for the independent review.
 - d.* Rebecca Melancon spoke about small businesses' support of moving the threshold for the demand charge back to 20 kW.
 - e.* Kaiba White stated the language for the independent review item allows City Council to pick one of the top three companies offered by staff and shared her concerns with PACE Global.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of May 28, 2015.**

The minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved on Mayor Adler's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 7-0 vote. Council Members Gallo, Garza, Houston and Troxclair were off the dais.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- 3. Consider and develop recommendations on an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-9 regarding utility deferred payment agreements.**

This item was not addressed.

- 4. Consider and develop recommendations on the award, negotiation and execution of a contract with PACE GLOBAL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC., or another qualified offeror to Request For Proposal No. GAL0021, for an independent review of Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.**

Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion with Larry Weis, General Manager; Mark Dombroski, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and James Scarboro, Purchasing Officer.

A motion to recommend the selection of Navigant was forwarded to the full Council on Mayor Adler's motion and seconded by Vice Chair Pool on a 5-3-1-2 vote, with Chair Gallo and Council members Renteria and Zimmerman voting against; Council Member Troxclair abstaining; and Council Members Garza and Houston off the dais.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

- 5. Briefing and discussion regarding Austin Energy's cost of service study, including engaging a consumer advocate.**

The presentation was made by Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications.

- 6. Briefing and discussion regarding Austin Energy's energy efficiency, weatherization and solar programs.**

The presentation was made by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions.

- 7. Briefing regarding an update on the request for proposal for acquisition of utility-scale solar energy.**

The presentation was made by Larry Weis, General Manager and Khalil Shalabi, Vice President, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning.

- 8. Briefing and discussion regarding the Demand Charge Report and current demand charges as they relate to small business.**

The presentation was made by Larry Weis, General Manager and Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications.

FUTURE ITEMS

9. Discussion of future agenda items.

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURN

Chair Sheri Gallo adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 27th day of August 2015 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.