

Resource Management Commission Low Income Working Group Recommendations

Affirmed Recommendations:

- **Recommendation C-3 (#6)**
- **Recommendation C-5 (#8)**
- **Recommendation C-8 (#7)**
- **Recommendation C-6 (#9)**
- **Recommendation D-1 (#17)**

Revised Recommendations:

- **Recommendation A-1 (#22):** Establish a minimum energy savings annual target of one percent of total retail energy sales through all energy efficiency and demand reduction programs and annually report these savings. In future updates to the Austin Energy Generation Plan, assess this target, subject to future budgets, affordability, and other factors.
- **Recommendation A-2 (#23):** Set a current demand savings goal for Austin Energy's energy efficiency programs targeting low and low-moderate income customers of no less than 1 MW for low income weatherization and direct installation programs, and 2 MW for other programs that reach low and low-moderate income customers, including multifamily programs, such that %5 of the utility's annual peak demand savings goal of 60 MW is met through these programs. Additionally, Austin Energy should evaluate these goals as a part of its periodic planning process, including and annually evaluate the feasibility of increasing the goal beyond 5% and a minimum of 3 MW of savings is achieved through these programs.
- **Recommendation A-3 (#13):** Austin Energy should develop a strategy to maximize the use of solar energy at multi-family properties, with an emphasis on properties with low and low-moderate income tenants.
- **Recommendation A-3 (#12):** Austin Energy should ensure that annual budgets enable it to at least achieve its overall and low and low-moderate income energy efficiency and demand savings goals and targets.
- **Recommendation C-4 (#14):** Make Energy Star window unit air conditioners a standard energy efficiency improvement services option in the low income weatherization program when central air conditioning is not present. , when existing central air conditioning equipment cannot be repaired at reasonable costs, or when Establish a separate process to assess existing central air conditioners and determine whether existing central air conditioning equipment that is not working can be repaired and cleaned at a reasonable costs, or whether an existing central air conditioning unit is less than 50% as efficient as is required by current code at that time. In those cases, Energy Star window unit air conditioners can also be utilized as a standard energy efficiency improvement service option.
- **Recommendation C-4 (#15):** Once applicants with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level have been served by the low income weatherization program, Austin Energy should consider serving customers with incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.
- **Recommendation D-2 (#16):** Austin Energy should develop a list of multi-family properties that receive affordable housing subsidies from the federal, state, city or county government or properties where at least 30 percent of the rental units are occupied by Customer Assistance Program (CAP) customers or pay a portion of their rent with housing choice vouchers. Austin Energy should do direct outreach to those property managers and owners, as well as community partners, to encourage them to utilize energy efficiency and/or solar energy incentives.

- **Recommendation D-5 (#18):** Austin Energy should assess compliance with the entire Energy Conservation Audit Disclosure (ECAD) ordinance and develop options to enforce the ordinance, ~~starting with~~~~especially for~~ those multi-family facilities whose electric cost is 150% of average electrical cost, and should present ~~those options that plan~~ to the Electric Utility Commission, the Resource Management Commission and the City Council for ~~consideration approval~~. Austin Energy should include a proposal for full enforcement of multi-family ECAD in its FY 2017 budget proposal.
- **Recommendation D-6 (#21):** The working group thinks this recommendation is generally a good one, but that it is outside the scope of the RMC.

Additional Recommendation from the Minority Report:

- Create a direct installation program that installs efficiency measures that have quick paybacks, including, but not limited to, LED lighting, low-flow showerheads, and aerators, using a neighborhood-by-neighborhood distribution strategy.