

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Electric Utility Commission

Recommendation No. 20160125-012

Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force Recommendations

WHEREAS, the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force (LICATF) issued its final report on September 30, 2015 prior to its dissolution on October 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, the City Council on December 10, 2015 adopted Resolution No. 20151210-027 directing the City Manager to report back to the City Council with a proposed schedule, plan, and budget for implementing the recommendations of the Low Income Consumer Advisory Task Force with which the utility and the drafters of the Minority Report concur per the November 10, 2015, memo titled "Response to Low Income Advisory Task Force Recommendations;

WHEREAS, the areas of consensus involve numerous implementation plans;

WHEREAS, there may be a need to establish implementation priorities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE ELECTRIC UTILTIY COMMISSSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That Austin Energy give top priority to the implementation of the following recommendations:

- Adopt the Sustainability Office's triple bottom line evaluation that looks at the impacts on people/equity, prosperity/economy, and planet/environment
- Conduct a weatherization cost reduction study to investigate operating practices that could potentially increase the cost effectiveness of the weatherization program
- Create a residential low income weatherization rebate pilot project in conjunction with affordable housing projects
- Develop better demographic survey data of income and family size in all programs including multi-family properties
- Implement fractional billing to allow for fractional division of the value of solar credits from a distributed solar system on a multifamily residential property to be divided and applied to multiple residential customer accounts.

Date of Approval: January 25, 2016

Record of the Vote: Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 8-0-1,

with Commissioner Fath abstaining, and Commissioners

Mahmood and Osborne absent.

Attest:

eff/Vice, Staff Liaison