

**City Council Questions and Answers for
Thursday, March 24, 2016**

These questions and answers are related to the
Austin City Council meeting that will convene at 10:00 AM on
Thursday, March 24, 2016 at Austin City Hall
301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX




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Council Member Ora Houston, District 1
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Council Member Gregorio Casar, District 4
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Council Member Leslie Pool, District 7
Council Member Ellen Troxclair, District 8
Council Member Sheri Gallo, District 10


The City Council Questions and Answers Report was derived from a need to provide City Council Members an opportunity to solicit clarifying information from City Departments as it relates to requests for council action. After a City Council Regular Meeting agenda has been published, Council Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of departments via the City Manager's Agenda Office. This process continues until 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Council meeting. The final report is distributed at noon to City Council the Wednesday before the council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

1. Agenda Item # 2: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City of Austin Fee Schedule (Ordinance No. 20150908-003) to reflect a decrease in the Power Supply Adjustment charge.
 - a. QUESTION: 1. Could you break out the revised PSA by type of fuel; % of total PSA charge; and cost per kWh (or mWh) produced? This would allow us to compare the various components of the revised PSA by type of fuel (solar, wind, biomass, nuclear, natural gas, etc.) and how much it contributes to the PSA. 2) What are the current PSA Charges for other Texas peer cities?
COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: See attachment.
2. Agenda Item # 19: Approve an ordinance establishing fair chance hiring standards in the City of Austin, creating a civil penalty, and creating an offense.
 - a. QUESTION: Approximately how many companies in the City of Austin have 15 or more employees and would be impacted by this ordinance? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE
 - b. ANSWER: See attachment.

END OF REPORT - ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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ANSWER:

1)

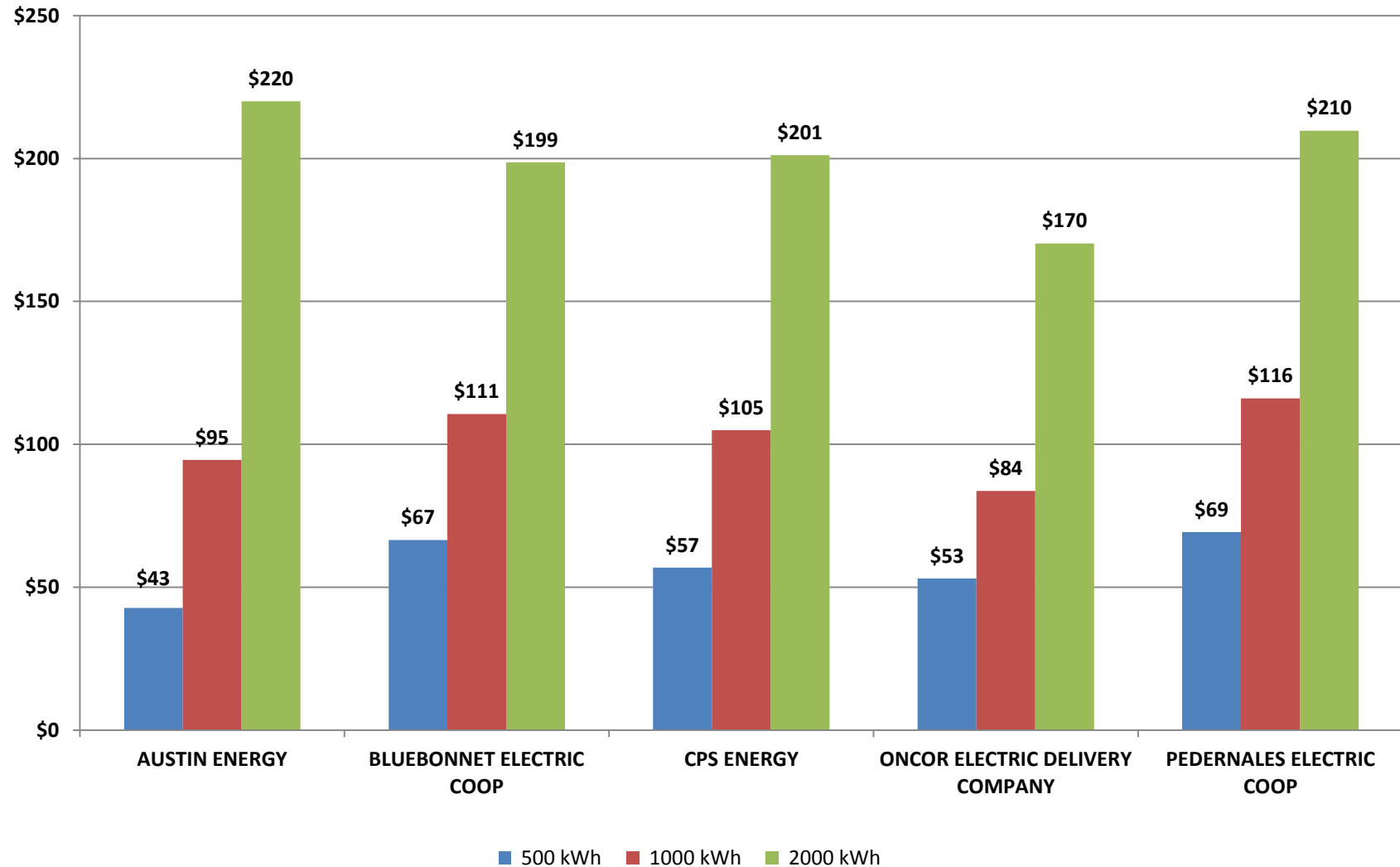
Fuel Type	Cents per kWh	% of PSA
Natural Gas	0.79	28%
Coal	0.56	20%
Nuclear	0.15	5%
Renewable	1.40	51%
ERCOT & Bilateral Purchases	0.86	31%
Green Choice & Bilateral Sales	(0.42)	-15%
Adjustments and Over Recovery	(0.58)	-21%
System Average PSA	2.769	100%

2) See attachment.

The cost components included in power supply rates vary by utility. Consequently, a comparison of those rates by utility is not an accurate reflection of like costs. Comparing “all in” costs by utility gives a better depiction of competitive rates. The graph below shows a comparison of residential bills at consumption levels of 500, 1000, and 2000 kWh. The comparison uses February 2016 rates and includes Austin Energy’s proposed PSA effective April 2016.

February 2016 (PSA Effective 4-1-2016)

Monthly Charges - Residential - 500 kWh, 1,000 kWh And 2,000 kWh





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Additional Answer Information

QUESTION: Approximately how many companies in the City of Austin have 15 or more employees and would be impacted by this ordinance? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

1) Initial data pulled from Hoover's Business Data by indicated there are 6,650 businesses with 15+ employees in the city of Austin. Data from the Census Bureau's County Business Patterns indicates there are 8,963 businesses with 10+ employees and 4,997 businesses with 20+ employees. The Census Bureau does not capture businesses with the employment range of 15+ employees.

Number of Employees	Number of Businesses	Source
10+ Employees	8,963	Census Bureau's County Business Patterns
15+ Employees	6,650	Hoover's Business Data
20+ Employees	4,997	Census Bureau's County Business Patterns