

Electric Utility Commission

February 22, 2016 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regular meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas. Meeting was called to order by Chair Osborne at 6:05 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Hadden, Heidebrecht, Mahmood, Norris, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Paul Limon (recipient of/support for Low Income Weatherization).

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the January 25, 2016 regular meeting. Motion to approve minutes (Biedrzycki); seconded (Norris); passed on a vote of 9-0-2, with Commissioners Osborne and Mahmood abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

- (__) = Target Council Meeting Date for Recommendations for Council Action (RCAs) Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Items 3 & 4 (Norris); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed on a vote of 10-1, with Biedrzycki voting against. Motion to recommend approval of Items 2 & 5-11 (Norris); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed on a vote of 11-0.
- 2. (2/25) Authorize issuance of a rebate to Oracle America Inc., for the installation of energy efficiency measures at its data center located at 11400 N. Lamar Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$118,808 (District 7).
- 3. (2/25) Authorize issuance of a rebate to Foundation Communities for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Trails at the Park Apartments located at 815 West Slaughter Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$62,367 (District 5).
- 4. (2/25) Authorize issuance of a rebate to Nimes Capital for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Ballpark Austin Apartments located at 4600 Elmont Dr., in an amount not to exceed \$85,595 (District 3).
- 5. (2/25) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with DOBLE ENGINEERING COMPANY for the purchases of three-phrase relay test sets in an amount not to exceed \$254,045.
- 6. (2/25) [Shared RCA; AE portion \$235,964] Authorize negotiation and execution of five contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative for medium and heavy duty vehicles and pieces of equipment with DEERE & CO in an amount not to exceed \$115,273, with LONGHORN INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS LTD in an amount not to exceed \$1,309,374, with NATIONAL BUS SALES & LEASING INC. in an amount not to exceed \$106,000, with NILFISK-ADVANCE, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$469,029 and with TEXAN WASTE EQUIPMENT INC. DBA HEIL OF TEXAS in an amount not to exceed \$222,597, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,222,273.

- 7. (2/25) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with JOHN B. COFFMAN LLC, for independent consumer advocate services for Austin Energy's residential and small commercial customers, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- 8. (3/3) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with ITT GOULDS PUMPS, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal NST0406, for the purchase of three condensate pumps and motors for Unit 5A Heat Recovery Steam Generator at the Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$495,641.
- 9. (3/31) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12 month contract with TELVENT USA HOLDINGS LLC DBA SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC for the purchase of continued access to Energy Profiler Online, a web-based load profiling software, in an amount not to exceed \$366,308 with four 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$366,608 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,833,040.
- 10. (3/31) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract with OPEN SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC. for the upgrade and continued maintenance and support of Austin Energy's generation management system in an amount not to exceed \$1,394,427.
- 11. (3/31) Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract with EQUIPMENT DEPOT to provide forklifts in an amount not to exceed \$178,657, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$178,657 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$714,628.

At Chair's discretion, took up Items 13, 15, 12, then 16 through 18, in that order. For purpose of Minutes, items remain in original order.

BRIEFINGS

12. Update regarding rate review.

Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications; Barksdale English, Utility Strategist, Regulatory Affairs

OLD BUSINESS

- 13. 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.
 - Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of the Resource Management Commission's recommendation with edited amendments submitted by Commissioner Roa (Biedrzycki); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 11-0.
- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

 No discussion/action.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 15. Discussion and possible action regarding cost of service/rate review procedures and rate design recommendations. (Osborne, Hadden)
 - Jim Lazar, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project, presented via Telephone and GoToMeeting.com at the request of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 16. Discussion regarding Austin Energy Third and Fourth-Quarter Reports. (Osborne, Hadden)

Because market purchases have been eliminated from the quarterly reports, Chair Osborne requested additional information from the Interim General Manager regarding AE's Generation, specifically generation from each generation unit for the year.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy Performance Report. (Osborne, Hadden)

VP Dreyfus reiterated staff's position regarding streamlining the report, and noted that we could revisit expanding the report this summer. Vice Chair Hadden reiterated request for prior tables that were culled from the now streamlined report, and desire for immediate inclusion.

OTHER BUSINESS

18. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

Biedrzycki: Contributions to CAP via on-line billing, including concept of business and industries making donations.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.