



Electric Utility Commission

March 21, 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 6:04 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Hadden, Heidebrecht, Mahmood, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance. Commissioner Norris was absent.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *Janee Briesmeister (briefed on Consumer Advocate's Team); Dale Bulla (favors a Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) pilot program); Scott Johnson (encourage voluntary donations to City programs).*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the February 22, 2016 regular meeting.
Motion to approve minutes, with amended language from Chair Osborne regarding Item 16 (Biedrzycki); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Commissioner Norris absent.

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

() = Target Council Meeting Date for Recommendations for Council Action (RCAs)

- Chair led approval of consent Items 2, 4, 7, 8 & 10; passed on a vote of 10-0. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Items 3, 5, 6 & 9 (Heidebrecht); seconded (Biedrzycki); passed on a vote of 10-0.**
2. (3/24) 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.
 3. (3/31) [RCA for Various Departments; Austin Energy's portion \$1,293,785] Authorize negotiation and execution of three contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) for light duty vehicles with CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET DBA BABY JACK II AUTOMOTIVE, LTD in an amount not to exceed \$1,106,108, GRAPEVINE DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, LLC DBA GRAPEVINE DCJ, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,186, and SILSBEE FORD, INC. in an amount not to exceed \$2,323,832, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,805,126.
 4. (3/31) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with GRUENE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANIES, LP, or one of the other qualified offeror to Request for Proposal NST0409, for the purchase of environmental spill response services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,280,000, with three 12-month extension options, in an amount not to exceed \$640,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,200,000. **BALL,**

5. (3/31) Authorize ratification of an amendment to the contract with USIC LOCATING SERVICES LLC, for underground utility locating services, to increase the contract authorization for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,249,750.
6. (3/31) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contract with USIC LOCATING SERVICES LLC, to provide underground utility locating services, in an amount not to exceed \$2,364,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,910,000.
7. (4/7) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY, INC., for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for the switchgear at Mueller Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$110,530.
8. (4/21) Authorize award and execution of a contract with LEWIS CLARK TRUCKING LLC (MBE), to provide relocation services of distribution steel poles, in an amount not to exceed \$98,250.
9. (4/21) Authorize execution of an amendment to the contract with CLEAVER-BROOKS SALES AND SERVICE INC, PRO SERV INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTORS, LLC, & TEI CONSTRUCTION SERVICES INC, to repair and upgrade the heat recovery steam generator at Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 each and combined, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 each and combined.
10. (4/21) Authorize award and execution of a contract with TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES for the purchase of three-phase, pad-mounted distribution transformers in an amount not to exceed \$136,578.

PRESENTATIONS

11. Update regarding rate review.
Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications
12. Presentation on possible local amendments to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.
John Umphress and Michael Husted, Green Building Program

OLD BUSINESS

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the EUC Bylaws.
Motion (Ferchill) to recommend approval of EUC Bylaws as adjusted by Council Audit and Finance Committee (i.e., reinstatement of Article 7O); seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Fath and Roa off the dais, and Commissioner Norris absent.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

15. Discussion regarding contributions to Customer Assistance Program via on-line billing, including the concept of business and industries making donations. (Osborne, Biedrzycki)
Commissioner Biedrzycki indicated Austin Energy will conduct functional testing of donations to CAP via on-line billing.
16. Discussion regarding new Boards and Commission mailing system (Osborne, Hadden)
Chair encouraged members to transition to the new commission email system.
17. Discussion regarding EUC/Council monthly updates. (Osborne, Hadden)

Chair requested that EUC liaison report back on City Council actions taken on items considered by EUC.

18. Discussion and possible action regarding cost of service/rate review procedures and rate design recommendations. (Osborne, Hadden)

Motion (Hadden) to approve a Recommendation stating “Be it resolved that the City Council ask Austin Energy to model the Hourly Weighted Energy Method for determining the production cost of service and make the results available to the public”; seconded (Wray); failed on a vote of 5-3-2, with Commissioners Ferchill, Heidebrecht, and Stout against, and Fath and Mahmood abstaining.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

20. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

Hadden: Presentation from Fleet and Sustainability Office regarding fleet procurements

Osborne: Information regarding third photovoltaic provider

Hadden: Status of the RFI for energy storage

ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.