



## Electric Utility Commission

April 18, 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, Norris, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** *Speaker Ross Smith (pitch for “Power on Demand” (e.g., use QR Code to access electricity from public infrastructure, like streetlights, to charge phones, etc.)*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting.  
**Motion to approve minutes (Biedrzycki); seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Wray off the dais.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT**

**(\_\_)** = Target Council Meeting Date for Recommendations for Council Action (RCAs)

- Motion to approve consent Items 2, 5-7, 9 & 10 (Fath); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Wray off the dais. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of: Item 3 (Biedrzycki); seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 11-0; Item 4 (Heidebrecht); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 10-1, with Norris against; Item 8 (Osborne); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed 10-0-1, with Biedrzycki abstaining; and, Item 11 (Osborne); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of 11-0.**
2. (4/21) Approve issuance of a rebate to Fifth/Colorado JV, LLC for the installation of energy efficiency measures at 201 West 5th Street in an amount not to exceed \$82,929.
  3. (5/5) [Various departments; AE's annual estimated revenue \$500,000-\$750,000] Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with AUSTIN METAL AND IRON CO., L.P., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal SLW0507, for the sale of scrap metal in an estimated revenue amount of \$1,650,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated revenue amount of \$550,000 per extension option, for a total estimated revenue amount of \$3,300,000.
  4. (5/5) Authorize award, negotiation and execution of 24-month requirements contract with CONVERGENT OUTSOURCING, INC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal RMJ0307, for the secondary level collection of delinquent utility accounts in an amount not to exceed \$180,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$450,000; and a 24-month contract with CONTRACT CALLERS, INC or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposal RMJ0307, for the tertiary level collection of delinquent utility accounts in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 each per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000. The annual amount for all collections services under these agreements will be for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$190,000, and a total contract amount not to exceed \$950,000.

5. (5/5) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with BRAD NORTON and WEBB & WEBB, or one of the other qualified offeror to Request For Proposal RMJ0305, for the administrative hearing officer for various City departments in an amount not to exceed \$124,000 each and combined, with two 24-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$124,000 each and combined per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$372,000.
6. (5/5) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with SONEPAR USA dba STUART C. IRBY CO., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal RMJ0304, to provide three-phase power transformers, in an amount not to exceed \$17,596,226 with five 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$17,596,226 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$105,577,356.
7. (5/5) Authorize award and execution of a 24-month contracts to provide streetlight lamps, luminaires and floodlights with: TECHLINE INC. in an amount not to exceed \$2,177,456, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,728 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,443,640; MCOR LIGHTING in an amount not to exceed \$54,220, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$27,110 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$135,550; POWER SUPPLY INC. in an amount not to exceed \$15,990, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$7,995 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$39,975; and with FACILITY SOLUTIONS GROUP in an amount not to exceed \$8,586, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$4,293 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$21,465. The annual amount for all streetlight lamps, luminaires and floodlights required under these contracts will be for a total amount not to exceed \$1,128,126 each and combined.

Cast lots and authorize award and execution of a contract in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.901 with TECHLINE INC., or POWER SUPPLY INC., who submitted identical bids for Line Item 15 in an amount not to exceed \$1,125 annually.

8. (5/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 72-month contract with MPR ASSOCIATES INC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal NST0412, to provide power plant field technical services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.
9. (5/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of three 24-month contracts with SAFWAY HOLDINGS, BRACE INDUSTRIES LLC, AND TRAVIS INDUSTRIES, LLC, the qualified offerors to Request For Proposal, NST0407REBID, for scaffolding services for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 each and combined, with two 24-month extension options in the amount of \$375,000 each and combined, for a total contract not to exceed \$1,500,000 each and combined.
10. (5/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 72-month contract with BRACE INTEGRATED SERVICES, INC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposal NST0408REBID, to provide heat trace and insulation services in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.
11. (5/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract with SOLAR TURBINES, INC for turbine maintenance and support in an amount not to exceed \$4,636,758.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

12. Presentation on Austin Energy's Telecom Pole Attachment Program.  
**Dan Smith, VP, Electric Service Delivery; Susan Groce, Support Services Manager**
13. Update regarding rate review.  
**Mark Dreyfus, VP, Corporate Communications and Regulatory Affairs**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

14. Discussion and possible action regarding local amendments to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

**Motion to recommend approval of local amendments to the 2016 International Energy Conservation Code (Biedrzycki); seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 10-1, with Stout against.**

15. Discussion and possible action regarding a “solar ready amendment” proposed by Resource Management Commission to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code  
**Cyrus Reed, Resource Management Commissioner presented. No action taken.**
16. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

#### **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

17. Discussion and possible action on the Residential Service Pilot Programs (Osborne, Biedrzycki)  
**Mark Dombroski, Interim General Manager responded to questions; agreed to provide a report to EUC once pilot programs had concluded.**
18. Discussion regarding contributions to Customer Assistance Program via on-line billing, including the concept of business and industries making donations. (Osborne, Biedrzycki)  
**JJ Gutierrez, VP, Customer Care**
19. Discussion and possible action regarding cost of service/rate review procedures and rate design recommendations. (Osborne, Hadden)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy Performance Report. (Osborne, Hadden)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding outstanding Electric Utility Commission requests from Austin Energy staff. (Osborne, Hadden)  
**Mark Dombroski, Interim General Manager, responded to questions. Chair Osborne read a statement critical of staff’s responsiveness to commissioner requests.**
22. Discussion and possible action regarding utility grade solar progress. (Osborne, Hadden)  
**Chair Osborne indicated he had requested a presentation, not just backup material, regarding utility scale power purchase agreement projects.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

23. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair (Term May 1 – Apr 30)  
**Chair Osborne announced he would not seek reelection, and that Vice Chair Hadden was term limited. Motion to appoint Hadden as Chair by acclamation (Biedrzycki); seconded (Norris); passed 11-0. Motion to appoint Heidebrecht as Vice Chair by acclamation (Mahmood); seconded (Ferchill); passed 11-0.**
24. Report regarding Council action on previously-reviewed items by EUC  
**Liaison provided written summary to Chair for oral report; Chair requested written summary be distributed to all commissioners and included in backup going forward.**
25. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.**