

Electric Utility Commission May 16, 2016 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regular meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas. Meeting was called to order by Chair Hadden at 6:02 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Heidebrecht, Mahmood, Norris, Osborne, Roa, Stout and Wray were also in attendance.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Pinaki Ghosh (concerns re telecom pole attachments); Dale Bulla (support climate protection plan).

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the April 18, 2016 regular meeting. **Motion to approve minutes (Biedrzycki); seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 11-0.**

At Chair's discretion, took up Items 18, Consent Agenda, 15, 11 through 14, 16, 17 and 19, in that order. For purpose of Minutes, items remain in original order.

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

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

 Motion to approve consent Items 5-8 (Norris); seconded (Mahmood); passed on a vote of
 11-0. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Items 2-9 and 10 (Norris);
 seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 11-0.
- 2. (5/19) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program with ORACLE AMERICA INC. to provide transition, enhancement, upgrade, hosting, software and management services of the City's existing customer information system, which is currently hosted and operated by another vendor, in an amount not to exceed \$24,671,170, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$8,600,213 for the first extension option and \$8,889,869 for the second extension option, and one 18-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$13,334,804, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,496,056.
- 3. (6/9) Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20150908-001 to decrease the Austin Energy Operating Fund Ending Balance by \$1,040,134 and increase the Conservation Rebates expenses by \$1,040,134 to provide additional funding for the Free Weatherization and Customer Assistance Program Low Income Weatherization programs.
- 4. (6/9) Authorize negotiation and execution of an 84-month contract with TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES to provide electric meters in an amount not to exceed \$11,313,121.
- 5. (6/9) Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with the following four staff recommended firms (or other qualified responders) to Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP194: STANLEY CONSULTANTS, INC., BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC., HDR ENGINEERING, INC., and JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., to provide engineering services for the 2016 Power Plant Production Rotation List for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 divided among the four firms.

- 6. (6/9) Authorize an amendment to the contract with XEROX CORPORATION that provides lease, installation and maintenance of multifunction devices and managed services in an amount not to exceed \$1,716,406, and additional funding to the 60-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$2,783,352, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$28,378,950.
- 7. (6/23) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with PECAN STREET INC. to provide residential solar and energy storage implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.
- 8. (6/23) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with SMITH PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals LAG0106, to provide uniformed security guard services in an amount not to exceed \$3,541,242 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,770,621 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,853,105.
- 9. (6/23) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract with IFACTOR CONSULTING, INC. for upgrade, support and hosting of Storm Center outage reporting software in an amount not to exceed \$2,312,740.

PRESENTATIONS

10. Presentation of Austin Energy's Financial Forecast.

Mark Dombroski, Interim General Manager; David Kutach, Budget Director Presentation was sharply criticized by Commissioner Osborne for its lack of detail.

11. Update regarding rate review.

Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Corporate Communications

OLD BUSINESS

12. 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 and Sierra Club Representative, responded to questions. Action delayed for additional stakeholder work.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

14. Presentation of the Independent Consumer Advocate on the Austin Energy Rate Case. (Hadden, Biedrzycki)

Clarence Johnson, ICA Team Member

- 15. Discussion and possible action on the Residential Service Pilot Programs. (Hadden, Biedrzycki) Motion (Biedrzycki) "to recommend to City Council that the Residential Service Pilot Program projects involving time of use rates, prepaid service, and electrical vehicle charging be held in abeyance until the design and development of these projects have been vetted through a public process that includes participation from consumers and low income advocacy groups and customer groups most likely to be affected by the pilot rates"; seconded (Norris); failed on a vote of 5-5-1, with Biedrzycki, Hadden, Norris, Osborne and Roa "For"; Fath, Ferchill, Heidebrecht, Stout and Wray "Against"; and Mahmood "Abstaining".
- 16. Discussion and possible action on Austin Energy's Telecom Pole Attachment program. (Roa, Biedrzycki)
- 17. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy Performance Report. (Osborne, Hadden)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 18. Report regarding Council action on previously-reviewed items by EUC. Commissioners discussed the value of this information. No action was taken.
- 19. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

 Keep Items 12, 13, and 14 above. Add "Elect EUC representative to Sustainability Committee."

ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.