



# Electric Utility Commission

June 20, 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 6:05 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Ferchill, Heidebrecht, Osborne, Roa, and Wray were also in attendance. Commissioners Mahmood, Norris and Stout were absent.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** *Cyrus Reed (Item 6: recommend solar ready amendment); Dale Bulla (support electric vehicle and renewable energy use); Paul Robbins (Item 3: concerned that Customer Assistance Program benefits sometimes go to wealthy people).*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the May 16, 2016 regular meeting.  
**Motion (Osborne) to approve minutes with amended language from Commissioner Osborne (i.e., on Item 10 add "Presentation was sharply criticized by Commissioner Osborne for its lack of detail"); seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 8-0.**

### NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

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

2. (6/23) Authorize award and execution of nine 12-month contracts to provide electrical supplies with KBS ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS in an amount not to exceed \$121,648, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$121,648 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$608,240 each and combined; with TECHLINE INC., consistent with the City's authority under state statute to consider a bidder's local presence with awarding contracts, in an amount not to exceed \$92,722, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$92,722 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$463,610 each and combined; with STUART C. IRBY in an amount not to exceed \$47,640, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$47,640 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$238,200 each and combined; with POWER SUPPLY INC. in an amount not to exceed \$31,770, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$31,770 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$158,850 each and combined; with GRAYBAR ELECTRIC in an amount not to exceed \$27,496, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$27,496 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$137,480 each and combined; with PRIESTER-MELL & NICHOLSON in an amount not to exceed \$22,590, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$22,590 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$112,950 each and combined; with J.L. MATTHEWS in an amount not to exceed \$8,671, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$8,671 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43,355 each and combined; with ACE 1 POWER in an amount not to exceed \$5,481, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$5,481 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$27,405 each and combined; and with TAPE SOLUTIONS (WBE) in an amount not to exceed \$562, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$562 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,810 each and combined; the annual amount for all electrical supplies required under these contracts will be for a total amount not to exceed \$358,580 each and combined.

**Motion to approve Item 2 (Fath); seconded (Heidebrecht); passed on a vote of 8-0.**

3. (8/4) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with SOLIX, INC., to provide automatic enrollment administrator services for the Customer Assistance Program in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.

**Motion (Biedrzycki) to recommend Council “approve the Solix RCA and that a cost benefit analysis be applied to this contract and the program changes, including review of customers with multiple properties, be evaluated in that light”; seconded (Roa); passed on a vote of 8-0.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Annual Value of Solar update.

**Pat Sweeney, Director, Energy & Market Operations**

5. Rate Review update.

**Mark Dreyfus, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Corporate Communications**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding a “solar ready amendment” proposed by Resource Management Commission to the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code.

**Motion (Fath) to recommend that:**

1. **The Austin City Council adopt a commercial and residential Solar-Ready Zone amendment to the Residential and Commercial Energy Codes that would go into effect six months after adoption by the City Council; and that**
  2. **The Solar-Ready Zone amendments be included as part of the adoption of the technical codes being developed by the Development Services Department, expected to be sent to City Council before the end of the year; seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 7-1, with Commissioner Heidebrecht voting “against.”**
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 600 MW solar RFP.

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

8. Presentation of the Independent Consumer Advocate on the Austin Energy Rate Case. (Hadden, Biedrzycki) **Janee Briesemeister, Consultant**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

9. Elect representative to the Joint Sustainability Committee  
**Motion (Biedrzycki) to nominate Commissioner Osborne; seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Commissioner Roa off the dais.**
10. Report regarding Council action on previously-reviewed items by EUC  
**Commissioners encouraged staff to simplify report.**
11. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.
  - **Discussion and possible action regarding Annual Internal Report, including future goals/processes (Wray)**
  - **Discussion and possible action regarding Independent Hearings Examiner Report (Biedrzycki)**
  - **Leave Item 7 on agenda**
  - **Update on \$11/hr pay issue for utility and 311 call center contract personnel (Roa)**

**ADJOURNMENT: Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.**