

Electric Utility Commission September 19, 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, Stout, and Wray were also in attendance. Commissioner Roa was absent.

Chair Hadden welcomed Jackie Sargent, new Austin Energy General Manager. Ms. Sargent thanked commissioners for their public service and recognized Mark Dombroski, Austin Energy CFO, who served as Interim General Manager. She addressed questions from commissioners.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: There were no speakers.

 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approve minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular meeting. Motion (Fath) to approve minutes as corrected; seconded (Biedrzycki); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Roa absent. The correction on page 3, line 4, is: "...and Ray Wray against."

NEW BUSINESS -- CONSENT

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

Motion to approve consent Items 6, 7, and 9 (Ferchill); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 10-0. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 (Norris); seconded (Osborne); was amended to exclude Item 5 at Commissioner Biedrzycki's request. Mr. Norris restated the motion, to recommend approval of Items 2, 3, 4, and 8; seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 10-0. Motion to approve Item 5 (Norris); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 9-1 with Commissioner Biedrzycki "against." Commissioner Roa was absent.

- (10/6) Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with FLINTCO, LLC, for Austin Energy's Domain District Cooling Plant Cooling Tower Improvements Project, in the amount of \$11,360,000 plus a \$1,136,000 contingency (10%), for a total contract amount not to exceed \$12,496,000. (District 7)
- 3. (10/6) Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract with GREAT WESTERN MANAGED SERVICES CORP. (WBE), to provide grounds maintenance services, in an amount not to exceed \$125,070, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$125,070 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$625,350.
- 4. (10/6) Authorize award and execution of a 12-month contract with INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENT, to provide maintenance and repair of stormwater ponds, in an amount not to exceed \$102,620, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$102,620 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$513,100.
- 5. (10/6) Authorize negotiation and execution of an 84-month contract with TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, to provide electric meters for Austin Energy's residential meter replacement project, in an amount not to exceed \$29,100,000.

- 6. (10/6) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with STEM, INC., to provide integrated energy storage systems and control software implementation services for Austin Energy's SHINES project, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.
- 7. (10/6) Authorize award and execution of a contract with TSE INTERNATIONAL, INC., for a cable puller/tensioner, in an amount not to exceed \$130,576.
- 8. (10/6) Authorize negotiation and execution of two 24-month contracts with MEGAWATT MACHINE SERVICES, LLC and SETPOINT INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals CAK0003REBID, to provide power plant valve repair, replacement, testing, and maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 each and combined, with two 24-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 per extension option each and combined, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 each and combined.
- 9. (10/6) Authorize award and execution of a contract with CANNON INSTRUMENT COMPANY, to provide an automatic kinematic viscometer, in an amount not to exceed \$71,136.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

- 10. Briefing and discussion regarding fleet electrification per Council Resolution 20160505-025 by Karl Popham, Manager, Electric Vehicles & Emerging Technologies, and Jennifer Walls, City of Austin Deputy Fleet Services Officer.
- 11. Report regarding Austin Energy's Request for Information for the storage of energy by Sathibabu "Babu" Chakka, Manager, Energy Markets, and Khalil Shalabi, VP, Market Operations & Resource Planning.
- 12. Update regarding issues related to cyber security by Khalil Shalabi.
- 13. Update on the May 2016 briefing on utility pole attachments by Dan Smith, VP, Electric Service Delivery.
- 14. Briefing on Austin Energy revenue bond advanced refunding by Mark Dombroski, Chief Financial Officer.
- 15. Presentation of Austin Energy's Monthly Performance Dashboard by Mark Dombroski.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 16. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2014 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 2015 600 MW solar RFP. (Osborne, Hadden) **This item was not discussed.**
- 17. Discussion regarding goals included in the EUC Annual Internal Review Report approved in July 2016. (Wray, Hadden) Commissioners expressed interest in participating in tours of power generation facilities and suggested the Webberville solar facility, Sand Hill Energy Center, and Mueller Energy Center.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 18. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC. The report was distributed but not discussed.
- 19. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.
 - Financial update (Fath)
 - Profitability of Coal Plants (Wray, Osborne)
 - Monthly Performance Dashboard and 3rd Quarter Report (Osborne)
 - Multifamily properties and ECAD compliance (Biedrzycki)
 - Continue discussion of EUC goals (Wray)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 p.m., motion to adjourn (Osborne); seconded (Wray); passed on vote of 10-0 with Roa absent.