



## **Electric Utility Commission**

### **October 17, 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 6:00 pm. Commissioners Biedrzycki, Fath, Heidebrecht, Osborne, Stout and Wray were also in attendance. Commissioner Ferchill arrived during discussion on Item 8; Commissioners Mahmood and Roa were absent. With Commissioner Norris' resignation, one vacancy currently exists.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** *Dale Bulla (Electric vehicle advocacy); Becky and Richard Halpin (Council should create a Task Force to review generation plan)*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approve minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular meeting.  
**Motion (Biedrzycki) to approve minutes; seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Ferchill off the dais, and Mahmood and Roa absent.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT**

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

- Motion to approve consent Items 2-7 (Wray); seconded (Fath); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Ferchill off the dais, and Mahmood and Roa absent. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Item 8 (Biedrzycki); seconded (Wray); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Mahmood and Roa absent. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Item 9 (Osborne); seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 6-0-2, with Biedrzycki and Stout abstaining, and Mahmood and Roa absent.**
2. (10/20) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with INVENSYS SYSTEMS INC., to provide distributed control system workstation upgrades, in an amount not to exceed \$779,000.
  3. (11/3) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 24-month contract with SUEZ TREATMENT SOLUTIONS, INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals CAK0008, to provide mobile demineralizer and water treatment equipment rental, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, with two 24-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.
  4. (11/3) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 60-month contract with TECHLINE INC., to provide lighting control system devices, in an amount not to exceed \$2,408,250.
  5. (11/3) Authorize negotiation and execution of 60-month contract through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing program with CDW-GOVERNMENT LLC, to provide Cisco products and services including maintenance and support, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.
  6. (11/3) Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with FACILITIES REHABILITATION, INC., for Austin Energy's 4th and Rio Grande Chilled Water Transmission

Main Project, in the amount of \$1,564,885 plus a \$312,977 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,877,862. (District 9)

7. (11/3) Authorize execution of an agreement with 78741 Holdings, LP, to provide incentives for the installation of solar electric systems on 20 residential units at its Las Cimas mixed-use development at 2101 Montopolis Drive, for a total amount not to exceed \$101,760. (District 3)
8. (11/3) Approve issuance of a rebate to Henderson Global Investors, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Argosy at Crestview apartment community located at 1003 Justin Lane, in an amount not to exceed \$95,279 (District 7).
9. (11/3) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month agreement with THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS on behalf of the Clean Energy Incubator, a program of the Austin Technology Incubator, for mutual assistance in the clean energy field, in the amount of \$195,000, with one 12-month extension option in the amount of \$195,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$390,000.

## **STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS**

10. Presentation regarding requested financial update. -- **provided by Mark Dombroski, CFO**

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**Chair Hadden recused on Item 11; Vice Chair Heidebrecht led discussion.**

11. Discussion regarding report circulated last month regarding profitability of coal plants. (Wray, Hadden) – **guest speaker Tom “Smitty” Smith, Public Citizen**
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2014 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, including the 2015 600 MW solar RFP. (Osborne, Hadden)  
**Motion (Biedrzycki) to appoint Ferchill, Hadden, Heidebrecht and Osborne to an EUC Working Group regarding the 2016 Update to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, plus an Interfaith Community representative and a low income representative; seconded (Osborne); approved 7-0, with Stout off the dais and Mahmood and Roa absent. Chair Hadden announced Special Called Meeting for Wed, November 2, 2016 at 6P for discussion and possible action regarding the 2016 update to the plan, to appoint a more complete working group.**
13. Discussion regarding goals included in the EUC Annual Internal Review Report approved in July 2016. (Wray, Hadden) **Wray indicated a desire to find an external presenter on fossil fuel divestment.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

14. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
15. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.
  - **Biedrzycki – Request report on billing and collection system, specifically:**
    - **Has the transition of contractors occurred?**
    - **Can we get more information about “pick your due date” including a report on the timeline for implementing and testing and details about how the test will be conducted?**
  - **Biedrzycki - Presentation on multi-family energy efficiency program and ECAD**

**Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.**