



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2017

The Resource Management Commission (RMC) convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Leo Dielmann at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair; Cyrus Reed, Vice Chair; James Babyak, Derrick Lesnau, Natasha Madison, Susanne Vaughan, Kaiba White and Michael Wong. Andrew Gill and Gregory Santiago were absent. There is one vacancy on the RMC.

Staff in Attendance: Rondella Hawkins of the Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs; Debbie Kimberly, Denise Kuehn, Danielle Murray, Terry Moore, Holly Prosser and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting. **The motion to approve, by Chair Dielmann and seconded by Commissioner Wong, passed on 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Gill and Santiago absent and with one vacancy.**

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL

Paul Robbins spoke on Item #8 regarding the draft resolution regarding Texas Gas Service's conservation program. Vice Chair Reed requested that Mr. Robbins receive his memo dated March 19 that included revisions to the resolution to be discussed later in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

3. Recommend execution of an agreement with PSW Real Estate to provide incentives for the installation of solar electric systems on 147 single family residential homes and 48 condominium units located within six of their communities in Austin, for a total amount not to exceed \$351,061. (Districts 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10) **The motion to approve, by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Wong, passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Gill and Santiago absent and with one vacancy.**
4. Recommend execution of an agreement with Target to provide performance-based incentives for the generation of solar energy at its facilities at 3702 South FM 620 (Travis County), 2300 W. Ben White Blvd. (District 5), 5300 S. MoPac Expy. (District 8), and 10900 Lakeline Mall Dr. (District 6), for an estimated \$112,834.45 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,128,344.47 over a 10-year period. **The motion to approve, by Chair Dielmann and seconded by Commissioner White, passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Gill and Santiago absent and with one vacancy.**
5. Recommend negotiation and execution of 10 contracts with 360 ENERGY SAVERS, 1ST CHOICE ENERGY, LLC, MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., GOOD NEIGHBOR MANAGEMENT, INC., AC & A, INC., CONSERVATION SPECIALISTS OF AUSTIN, LLC, CLIMATE MECHANICAL, INC., VALDEZ REMODELING & WEATHERIZATION INC., KL AUSTIN ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION, and ENERGY GUYS, LLC, to provide weatherization services, with an initial 12-month term in an estimated amount of \$3,800,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$3,800,000 per extension option, for total contract amounts not to exceed \$19,000,000; each and

combined. **The motion to approve, by Vice Chair Reed and seconded by Commissioner Wong, passed on a vote of 8-0, with Commissioners Gill and Santiago absent and with one vacancy.**

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

6. Update on the commercial Value of Solar (VOS) from Austin Energy by Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, and Danielle Murray, Manager, Solar Program. Speakers Carey Ibrahimbegovic and Rachel Stone of Solar Austin voiced concern about Austin Energy moving to a market-based VOS and said the utility should take into account the value associated with environmental benefits such as air and water quality.

Commissioners took up Item #8 followed by Item #7.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution to ensure an early planning process for Texas Gas Service's Fiscal Year 2018 Conservation Budget (Dielmann, Reed)
Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service and Paul Raab of energytools, llc, presented a review of the draft resolution brought forward by commissioners last month and to be discussed under Item #8.
Speaker Paul Robbins said he was bothered that the cumulative 5% reduction goal in natural gas usage did not include transport customers and was critical of the section in the draft resolution related to the program's cost effectiveness.
Vice Chair Reed spoke to revisions to the draft resolution detailed in his memo; members discussed potential changes.
Commissioners postponed action on the resolution pending additional data from Texas Gas Service and Mr. Raab.
8. Quarterly report from Texas Gas Service by Julie Hatfield and Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service and Paul Raab of energytools, llc.

Commissioner Madison left the dais.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

9. Update on the progress of the Resource Planning Working Group from RMC representatives – Vice Chair Reed said the next meeting of the group would be on April 3; at the last meeting they received preliminary results to various scenarios; and at the next meeting they were expecting to receive potential rate impacts.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items or topics planned for the April meeting included the election of officers, reports from Sustainability and Fleet, the solar-ready amendment, the commercial VOS, the Resource Plan, Development Services inspectors and Texas Gas Service. Commissioners agreed to postpone the Sustainability and Fleet reports and Texas Gas Service to May.

ADJOURN – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:11 p.m.