Resolution to Improve
Texas Gas Service Conservation Program in 2018 Budget

Whereas, Texas Gas Service (TGS) has been required by the City of Austin (COA) to operate energy efficiency programs as part of it franchise, and

Whereas, the Austin City Council considers lower gas use as a strategy to both lower Austin consumer's costs of living and protect the environment, and

Whereas, the efficiency programs of TGS in the past have not shown sufficient efficiency or energy savings,

Whereas, TGS efficiency programs run on an annual budget cycle that begins January 1st of each year,

1. Therefore Be It Resolved by the Resource Management Commission that the Office of Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs and TGS are requested to begin working with the Resource Management Commission to plan the efficiency program no later than ~~August~~ September 1st of each year, and

2. Be It Further Resolved that the Resource Management Commission recommends that efficiency programs are updated and revised to increase savings from efficiency improvements, such that natural gas usage is reduced by <u>cumulative total of</u> 5% ~~per year~~ over the next 5 years, starting in 2018, and

3. Be It Further Resolved that the Resource Management Commission recommends that <u>TGS'</u> efficiency ~~programs include~~ options for "transport gas", commercial, industrial, and institutional customers that are not currently served with efficiency programs, and <u>include options for those customers where it would be feasible and cost-effective;</u>

4. Be It Further Resolved that the Resource Management Commission recommends that all non-educational efficiency programs (with the exception of low income and pilot programs) have a Benefit to Cost Ratio of greater than 1.0, i.e., that all programs provide a benefit at least equal to the cost to implement or higher<u>, as calculated through the "Total Resource Cost Text." To the extent that individual programs do not meet a Benefit to Cost Ratio of greater than 1.0, TGS should justify why there is a need to continue the program</u>.