



**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**  
**Recommendation Number: 20170620-009**

**Resolution to Improve Texas Gas Service's Conservation Program in the 2018 Budget**

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

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

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

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 September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and

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 a cumulative total of 5% over the next 5 years, including at least 4.5% site natural gas savings, starting in 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resource Management Commission recommends that TGS explore options for "transport gas", commercial, industrial, and institutional customers that are not currently served with efficiency programs, and include options for those customers where it would be feasible and cost-effective;

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, as calculated through the "Total Resource Cost Test." 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 that individual program.

Date of Approval: June 20, 2017

Record of the vote: Approved unanimously on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioner Santiago absent and one vacancy.

Attest:   
Toye Goodson, Staff Liaison