



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

**The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Mayor Steve Adler called the committee meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Mayor Steve Adler, Vice Chair  
Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Delia Garza  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair

**Committee Members absent:**

Council Member Leslie Pool, Chair  
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of October 16, 2017.**

The minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were approved on Council Member Flannigan's motion, and Council Member Houston's second, on a 6-0 vote. Chair Pool, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, and Council Members Casar, Renteria, and Troxclair were off the dais.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak on items not on the agenda.**

There was one speaker:

- Paul Robbins requested Council add an item regarding dispatchable renewable energy and what can be done to bring its cost down. He stated there are issues having 100% of our power as renewable since solar and wind are intermittent.

**BRIEFINGS****3. General Manager's report:**

- Overview of Austin Energy finances (revenues, expenses, cash balances). •
- Overview of utility operations (renewable energy, power plant availability, employee safety, and customer service). •
- Update regarding the Texas Public Utility Commission and the Texas Senate's interim charge regarding competition in the retail electric market. •
- Solar power purchase agreement and upcoming procurements for chilled water piping construction and downtown substation engineering services. •
- Recognition of Austin Energy employees.  
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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report and Dan Smith, Vice President of Electric Service Delivery, responded to a question. Discussion included comparing the financial data to budgeted amounts, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) generation dispatch process, and a power issue in the River Place neighborhood.

**4. Austin Energy's local, state, and federal regulatory framework.**

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Mark Dreyfus, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications, provided the briefing.

**5. Electric Reliability Council of Texas wholesale market outlook and effect on Austin Energy power supply costs.**

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Erika Bierschbach, Interim Director of Energy & Market Operations, provided the presentation. Discussion included Austin Energy's activity in the futures market, siting of generation resources, and factors affecting price variations across the state.

**6. Impact of multifamily energy efficiency rebates on rental rates.**

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Liz Jambor, Manager of Data Analytics & Business Intelligence, provided the presentation and Debbie Kimberly, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions, responded to questions. Discussion included report findings trend, the purpose and necessity of the report, percentage of multifamily properties with a high percentage of low income residents, amount saved on utilities by residents, compliance requirements for participating properties, and challenges to increasing rebate program participation by properties listed in the Austin Tenants Council Affordable Housing Guide.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION****7. Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee 2018 meeting schedule.**

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Discussion included possibly shifting the April, May, and June meetings to take place on off weeks of Council meetings.

**FUTURE ITEMS**

**8. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

This item was not addressed.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m. without objection.

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