



Electric Utility Commission

November 13, 2017

Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regular meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Ferchill at 6:00 pm. Commissioners Boyle, Osborne, Reel, Stout, Tuttle, and Wray were also in attendance, with Fath and Hadden absent and two vacancies.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *None.*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular meeting.
Motion (Reel) to approve the minutes; seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Fath and Hadden absent and two vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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

- Staff withdrew Items 2, 3 and 11. Motion to approve consent Items 6-9 (Boyle); seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Fath and Hadden absent and two vacancies. Following discussion, motion to recommend approval of Item 4 (Tuttle); seconded (Reel); passed on a vote of 7-0. Motion to recommend approval of Item 5 (Boyle); seconded (Reel); passed on a vote of 6-0-1, with Stout abstaining. Motion to recommend approval of Item 10 (Reel); seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 7-0.**
2. (12/7) Approve issuance of a rebate to CL Arrangement LP, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Array Apartments located at 2000 Burton Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$184,667. (District 3)
 3. (12/7) Approve issuance of a rebate to Starwood Capital Group, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Mission Grace Woods located at 3209 South I-35, in an amount not to exceed \$195,427. (District 3)
 4. (12/7) Authorize negotiation and execution of a membership agreement with the Electric Power Research Institute, for research programs related to advanced distribution operations and planning, more efficient transmission, distribution, and generation operations, integration of distributed energy resources, demand response, and electric vehicles, for a term of three years, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
 5. (12/7) Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the fee acquisition and surface estate of approximately 455,086 square feet of land in the Santiago Del Valle Grant Abstract Number 24, Travis County, Texas, being out of and a portion of the remainder of that called 166.598 acres of land as described to George W. Brewer in that certain partition deed as recorded in Volume 9106, Page 615, Real Property Records Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$1,190,000, for the public purpose of an electric substation to serve growing electrical loads in the South I-35 corridor. The owners of the needed property interest are Billie Jo Figer, Michael G. Figer, Donald K. Figer, Betsy A. Lambeth, Keith H. Harmon and Bonnie G. Harmon as trustees of the Harmon Family Trust. The property is located at 1101 East Slaughter Lane, just south of Brandt Road, within the Austin 2 Mile ETJ, in Travis County, Texas.
 6. (12/7) Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of two tracts of land: Tract 1, approximately 1,522 square feet of land out of the Samuel Cushing Survey Number 70, Abstract Number 164; and Tract 2, approximately 2,927 square feet of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey Number 50, Abstract Number 160, both situated in the City of Austin 2 Mile ETJ, Travis County, Texas; for the relocation of a

section of Austin Energy's Transmission Circuit 975, in an amount not to exceed \$82,471.62 including closing costs.

7. (12/7) Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Priester-Mell & Nicholson, Inc., to provide air insulated padmount switchgear, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,793,350. [Purchasing Office]
8. (12/7) Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Texas Electric Cooperatives, to provide relays for switchgear and relay panels, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,243,295. [Purchasing Office]
9. (12/7) Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP232, to provide engineering services for design of a Future Downtown Gas-Insulated-Switchgear Substation, in an amount to exceed \$1,400,000. [Capital Contracting Office]
10. (12/7) Authorize execution of all three extension options, for a combined amount of \$9,000,000, related to the 24-month Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity construction services contract with Bilfinger Westcon, Inc., for the installation of chilled water piping construction in the right-of-way, in the amount of \$6,000,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000,000. [Capital Contracting Office]
11. (12/14) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with GDS Associates Inc., the sole qualified offeror to Request for Proposals RMJ0313, to provide classroom-based educational kits on energy conservation, for up to five years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$948,775. [Purchasing Office]

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

12. Presentation regarding the Environment section of the Austin Energy Monthly Performance Dashboard – **provided by Khalil Shalabi, VP, Strategy, Technology and Market Operations and Debbie Kimberly, VP, Customer Energy Solutions.**
13. Presentation regarding a low-income community solar discount proposal – **provided by Danielle Murray, Solar Manager and Debbie Kimberly, VP, Customer Energy Solutions.**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

14. Discussion regarding potential topics for future EUC meetings that might require closed session. (Ferchill, Osborne) **Vice Chair Ferchill provided an update regarding state and local laws regarding closed sessions. For EUC to enter into closed session, would require coordination with and approval by the City Attorney's office and attendance by a City attorney at the meeting designated as having a closed session. Proposed topics for potential closed sessions included 1) results of bidding process for latest solar RFP (Hadden); 2) cyber security and resiliency (Tuttle); and 3) transmission buildout (Reel).**
15. Update regarding EV Working Group. (Ferchill, Osborne) **VC Ferchill and Commissioner Osborne provided update, reiterating that two students are doing research on EVs, and that the Working Group is targeting Spring 2018 to issue a report.**

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Proposed 2018 EUC Meeting Schedule.
Motion (Ferchill) to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule; seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Fath and Hadden absent and two vacancies. Consideration of an alternate date in January may be explored.
17. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
18. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.