



Electric Utility Commission

December 11, 2017

Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regular meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Meeting called to order by Chair Hadden at 6:15 pm. Commissioners Boyle, Ferchill Osborne, Reel and Tuttle were also in attendance, with Stout and Wray absent and three vacancies.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *All speakers re Item 6, high water bill concerns: Frank Zigal, Ralph Lake, Dolores Neitsch, Jon Schiff, Carol Biedrzycki, Michael Schaff, Vicky Doherty, Barbara Szalay, OT Greer.*

At Chair's prerogative, Item 6 was taken up next (see notes below), followed by remainder of agenda items.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular meeting. **Motion (Osborne) to approve the minutes; seconded (Boyle); passed on a vote of 6-0, with Stout and Wray absent and three vacancies.**

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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

- Motion to approve consent Item 3 (Osborne); seconded (Ferchill); passed on vote of 6-0, with Stout and Wray absent and three vacancies. Following presentation (Item 4) and discussion, motion to recommend approval of Item 2 (Osborne); seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 6-0, with Stout and Wray absent and three vacancies.**
2. (12/14) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 15-year power purchase agreement with a subsidiary of INTERSECT POWER for the full output of electricity from a utility-scale solar generation facility with capacity of 150 to 180 megawatts, in an estimated amount of \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 per year, and a total estimated amount of \$150,000,000 to \$180,000,000.
 3. (12/14) Approve an ordinance amending Austin Energy's rates and fees included in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-002) to add a Customer Assistance Program customer community solar rate.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

4. Presentation regarding 15-year power purchase agreement for utility-scale solar – **provided by Erika Bierschbach, Manager, Energy Market Operations and Khalil Shalabi, VP, Strategy, Technology and Market Operations.**
5. Presentation regarding Austin Energy's cybersecurity and resiliency efforts– **provided by Michael Goin, Division Manager, Information Systems and Khalil Shalabi, VP, Strategy, Technology and Market Operations.**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

6. Discussion regarding water meter reading and high utility bill concerns. (Boyle, Ferchill)
David Anders, Assistant Director Financial Services, Austin Water and Elaine Veselka, VP, Customer Account Management responded to questions from commissioners.
7. Update regarding EV Working Group. (Osborne, Ferchill)

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
9. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.
 - **Reel: Follow-up 1Q of new budget year, update on filling 32 FTEs and projects**
 - **Boyle: Discussion and possible action regarding water meter reading and high utility bill concerns**

Chair Hadden announced that she is stepping down as Chair, but remaining on the commission; recommends Commissioner Ferchill serve as Chair. Commissioners agreed to schedule emergency elections for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.