



Electric Utility Commission

January 22, 2018

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, Hadden, Hopkins, Osborne, Reel, Tuttle and Wray were also in attendance, with Stout absent and two vacancies.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: *10 speakers re Item 13, high water bill concerns: Richard Wilfong, Beverly Villarreal, Sasha Saustrup, Doug Keenan, Kathie Holliman, Charmaine Skillman, Barbara Szalay, Frank Zikal, OT Greer and Sean Kelly; Paul Robbins (in favor of Dispatchable Renewable Energy).*

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular meeting. **Motion (Reel) to approve the minutes; seconded (Boyle); passed on a vote of 6-0-2, with Hopkins and Wray abstaining, Stout absent and two vacancies.**

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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

- Motion (Osborne) to approve consent Items 3, 4, 6, 7 and 10; seconded (Reel); passed on a vote of 8-0, with Stout absent and two vacancies. Following discussion: (a) Motion to recommend approval of Item 2 (Reel); seconded (Ferchill); passed on vote of 7-1, with Hadden against, Stout absent and two vacancies; (b) Motion to postpone Item 5 (Hadden); seconded (Osborne); failed on vote of 5-3, with Ferchill, Reel and Wray against, Stout absent and two vacancies; motion to approve Item 5 (Wray); seconded (Ferchill); failed on vote of 3-5, with Boyle, Hadden, Hopkins, Osborne and Tuttle against, Stout absent and two vacancies; (c) Motion to recommend approval of Item 8 (Hadden); seconded (Reel); passed on vote of 7-1, with Boyle against, Stout absent and two vacancies; (d) Motion to recommend approval of Item 9 (Osborne); seconded (Reel); passed on vote of 7-1, with Hadden against, Stout absent and two vacancies.**
2. (2/1) Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with A.J. Hurt Jr., Inc., to provide equipment lubrication oils, for up to three years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$165,599.
 3. (2/15) Authorize recurring expenditures for electronic subscriptions and professional dues and memberships with multiple agencies and vendors in an amount not to exceed \$652,000.
 4. (2/15) Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of approximately 0.249 acres or 10,833 square feet of land in the Samuel Cushing Survey, Abstract Number 164, Travis County, Texas, and being out of and a portion of that called 11.4257 acres of land as described to Grantia, LLC, in that certain warranty deed with vendor's lien and recorded as Document Number 2016055587 in official public records of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$23,156, for the public purpose of electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary for the relocation of a section of

Austin Energy's Transmission Circuit 975. The owner of the needed property interest is Grantia, LLC. The property is located at 2601 East Howard Lane, on the south side of East Howard Lane between Dessau Road and Harris Branch Parkway, approximately one-half mile south of Immanuel Road, within the Austin 2-Mile ETJ, in Travis County, Texas.

5. (2/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with The Brattle Group, Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals TVN0065, for regulatory consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$143,850.
6. (2/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders for Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP234 to provide distribution engineering and associated design technical services for the Staff Augmentation Services for Electric Distribution project for an initial one-year term, with three one-year renewal options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000, including all renewals, subject to annual appropriations.
7. (2/1) Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Capital Metro Transportation Authority for an amount not to exceed \$407,500 for costs associated with the removal of overhead electric lines and replacement with underground electrical services associated with the Capital Metro Multimodal Downtown Transit Station located at 401 East 4th Street. (District 9)
8. (2/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Resource Action Programs Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals 1100 RMJ0313 REBID, to develop a school-based energy conservation program, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
9. (2/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of multi-term contracts through the General Services Administration, Houston-Galveston Area Council, National Joint Powers Alliance, Texas Association of School Boards, and Texas Multiple Award Schedule cooperative purchase programs with Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Chastang Enterprises, Inc., Cooper Equipment Co., Inc., Creative Bus Sales, Inc., Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, LLC, RDO Equipment Co., Santex Truck Center, LTD., Siddens-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, Silsbee Ford, Inc., and various other contractors, to provide vehicles and equipment, each for up to three years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$128,330,000 divided among the contractors.
10. (2/15) Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., to provide backfill polyurethane foam kits, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$446,735.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

11. Presentation regarding residential solar incentive ramp down – **provided by Danielle Murray, Solar Program Manager.**
12. Update regarding changes to customer deposit utility regulations – **provided by Elaine Vesekla, VP, Customer Account Management.**
13. Presentation regarding water meter readings and associated high bill concerns – **provided by Vesekla and Drema Gross of Austin Water.**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

14. Discussion and possible action regarding water meter readings and associated high bill concerns.(Boyle, Reel)

Motion (Boyle); seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 8-0 with Stout absent and two vacancies: that Austin Energy promptly issue a refund or credit to customers who have low August consumption followed by high September consumption levels where the high September consumption is a function of the low August billed amount, if they are entitled to the credit; and further, that Austin Energy shall identify promptly the customers who fall into the pattern set forth above.

15. Update regarding EV Working Group. (Osborne, Ferchill)

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Election of Chair and, if necessary, Vice Chair.

Motion to appoint Cary Ferchill as Chair (Reel); seconded (Osborne); passed on vote of 8-0, with Stout absent and two vacancies. Motion to appoint Karen Hadden as Vice Chair (Ferchill); seconded (Osborne); passed on vote of 8-0, with Stout absent and two vacancies.

17. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.

18. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.