

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: April 12, 2018

Item Number: **002**

Austin Energy

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of a tract of land, which is approximately 5,920 square feet out of the J.P. Wallace Survey, being a portion of Lot 1, Omega Subdivision, Recorded in Vol. 49, Pg. 72 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, situated in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, for the Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 811 upgrade project, in an amount not to exceed \$97,298 including closing costs.

District(s) Affected: District 4

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| Lead Department | Austin Energy |
| Fiscal Note | Funding in the amount of \$97,298 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Energy. |
| For More Information | Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Dan Smith, VP Electric Service Delivery, (512) 505-7009; Pamela England, Manager, Public Involvement & Real Estate Services, (512) 322-6442. |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action | March 19, 2018 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Reel and Wray absent and two vacancies. |

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy is upgrading several transmission circuits in its service territory to better serve a growing population and increased load density. Improvements to vital electrical infrastructure are required for safety, reliability and grid resiliency.

The Circuit 811 upgrade project will replace aging infrastructure and convert a four-mile section of Transmission Circuit 811 from 69kV to 138kV. The purchase of this 0.136-acre easement along North Lamar Boulevard is necessary for the upgrade project. Additional easement widths are necessary to meet safety and clearance requirements of the National Electric Safety Code, and to access and maintain Austin Energy infrastructure. The property owner has agreed to accept the appraised value of the proposed easement as compensation, including the cost of moving two signs out of the easement area.

At the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting on January 24, 2018, staff briefed Council members on this and other transmission and substation upgrade projects.