



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2018**

**The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Leslie Pool called the committee meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Council Member Leslie Pool, Chair  
Council Member Gregorio Casar  
Council Member Delia Garza  
Council Member Ora Houston  
Council Member Ann Kitchen  
Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

**Committee Members absent:**

Mayor Steve Adler, Vice Chair  
Council Member Alison Alter  
Council Member Jimmy Flannigan  
Council Member Ellen Troxclair

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 and March 28, 2018 Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meetings.**

The minutes of the February 28, 2018 and March 28, 2018 meetings were approved on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo’s motion, and Council Member Casar’s second, on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Alter, Flannigan, 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.**

There were three speakers:

- Al Braden stated 350.org and the Sierra Club are launching campaigns to go carbon free by 2030, and the studies called for as a result of the most recent Resource Plan update should be started right away to have discussions ahead of the next update.
- Paul Robbins suggested changing the structure of the GreenChoice program so that the funds could go toward a dispatchable renewable energy project. He also stated the Customer Assistance Program is running a surplus and half of those funds should go toward direct installation programs.

- Carol Biedrzycki introduced Pamela Ferris as the new Executive Director for Texas ROSE (Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy), and reminded Council that during the last rate case, she suggested adding an office of consumer affairs that could look into customer issues.

## **BRIEFINGS**

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

- **Downed power line safety.**
- **Upcoming items to be brought to Council:** advanced distribution management system software, integration and analytics software, natural gas transportation agreements, energy research with UT Austin, agreement with the City of Bee Cave for reimbursement of costs for constructing underground electric lines, switchgear parts, manhole lifting devices, district cooling projects.
- **Customer Care and Billing system version upgrade.**
- **Renewable energy request for proposal.**
- **Senate Business & Commerce Committee interim charge.**
- **Innovation update:** La Loma community solar farm, Austin Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar Photovoltaics (SHINES) project.
- **Awards and recognition of Austin Energy employees.**

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Jackie Sargent, General Manager, provided the report.

### **4. Austin Energy assistance in Puerto Rico's electric grid restoration.**

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Danny Ee, Director of Smart Grid & System Operations and Paul Vasquez, Superintendent of System Operations provided the presentation. Employees who traveled to Puerto Rico to assist in the electric grid restoration were recognized, and Mayor Pro Tem Tovo presented a certificate of appreciation.

### **5. Second quarter Fiscal Year 2018 financial report.**

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Rusty Maenius, Acting Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer, gave the report. Discussion included appreciation for presenting the information by district.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

### **6. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.**

This item was not addressed.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Pool adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of May 2018 on Council Member Houston's motion, Council Member Alter's second on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Garza, Kitchen, and Troxclair were off the dais.**