

Electric Utility CommissionOctober 15, 2018 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a special-called meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Meeting called to order by Chair Ferchill at 6:04 pm. Commissioners Boyle, Funkhouser, Hadden, Osborne, Tuttle and Vaughan were also in attendance, with Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Al Braden, Beki and Richard Halpin (for 350Austin: concerns re Climate Change; close FPP; in favor of new solar PPA); Dale Bulla (in favor of new solar PPA)

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Approve minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting. Motion (Weldon) to approve the minutes; seconded (Osborne); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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

Motion (Osborne) to approve Items 3-7, 9 and 11 on consent; seconded (Funkhouser); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy. Following discussion:

- Motion (Tuttle) to approve Item 2; seconded (Funkhouser); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy.
- Motion (Osborne) to approve Item 8; seconded (Funkhouser); passed on a vote of 6-1, with Hadden against and Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy.
- Motion (Osborne) to approve Item 10; seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 7-0, with Hopkins, Weldon and Wray absent and one vacancy.
- 2. (10/18) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 15-year power purchase agreement with EAST BLACKLAND SOLAR PROJECT 1, LLC, for the full output of electricity from a utility-scale solar generation facility with capacity of 144 megawatts, in an estimated amount of \$11,000,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of \$165,000,000.
- 3. (11/1) Approve issuance of incentives to Townbridge Homes, for the installation of solar electric systems to serve 30 residential condominium units located at 7601 Cooper Lane, for a total amount not to exceed \$69,300. (District 3)
- 4. (11/15) 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. CLMP247 to provide Engineering Services for Electric Service Delivery in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.
- 5. (11/15) Authorize award and execution of a contract with Power Supply, Inc., for metering current transformers, in an amount not to exceed \$84,930.

- 6. (11/15) Authorize award and execution of a contract with Techline, Inc., for galvanized steel poles, in an amount not to exceed \$109,055.
- 7. (11/15) [Multiple Depts; AE's estimated use is \$200K/year.] Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with BryComm, LLC, to provide structured communications cabling services, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.
- 8. (11/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Suez Treatment Solutions Inc., to remove, design and purchase an electrodeionization assembly system for water purification at the Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.
- 9. (11/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., to provide Veritas-Netbackup products and services including maintenance, training and support services, for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$3,713,000.
- 10. (11/15) [Multiple Depts; AE's estimated use is \$26,250/year.] Authorize negotiation and execution of two multi-term contracts with Brad Norton and Ronald L. Johnson, to provide impartial hearing officer services, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$1,000,000 divided between the contractors.
- 11. (11/15) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Contract Callers, Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals 1100 SMB3001, to provide tertiary level collection services on delinquent utility accounts, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

- 12. Austin Energy Storage & Dispatchable Renewables Update provided by Khalil Shalabi, Vice President, Strategy, Technology and Market Operations.
- 13. Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Market Update **provided by Khalil Shalabi**, **Vice President, Strategy, Technology and Market Operations**.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 14. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fayette Power Project. (Weldon, Ferchill) **Hadden recommended postponing discussion to next month given absent commissioners.**
- 15. Update regarding the EV Working Group. (Osborne, Ferchill) **Tuttle reported Group continues to work with staff on multifamily roadmap and DR/intelligent charging roadmap.** Osborne reported that on the state level, TXetra submitted 40-pg plan to TCEQ for DC charging stations in attempt to access VW Settlement funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 16. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
- 17. Discussion regarding potential future agenda items:
 - Hadden: Repost Item 14
 - <u>Boyle</u>: After Action Report on Water Meter Event
 - Funkhouser: Staff report on evaluation of customer side programs

Meeting adjourned 7:32pm.