



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2507, **Agenda Item #:** 2.

8/22/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of approximately 5.110 acres or 222,572 square feet out of the Marquita Castro Survey No. 50, Abstract No. 160, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 975 located along Howard Lane in Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of that called 38.73 acres of land recorded in Document No. 2018034315, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$333,000, including standard and customary closing costs.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 15, 2019 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0 vote, with Chair Ferchill absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The Transmission Circuit 975 Upgrade Project requires relocating a 2.9 mile portion of the circuit out of the Missouri-Kansas Railroad corridor because it cannot be safely accessed for maintenance or construction, and it will not meet National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements.

The transmission line is being upgraded from a 2,000-amp rating to 3,000 amps to restore reliability that has been affected due to inadequate shielding and minimal phase-to-phase and phase-to-structure spacing. The new location along Howard Lane will provide increased safety and reliability for the public, customers and crews, and improved connectivity within the overall electric service system.

The current fair market value of the tract, as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser, is \$333,000. The property owner accepted the appraised value for the subject easement.

This project is located within the Austin two mile extraterritorial jurisdiction, in Travis County, Texas.