



## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

The Resource Management Commission convened a meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at Town Lake Center, 721 Barton Springs Road, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioners in Attendance: Leo Dielmann, Chair (District 7), Kaiba White, Vice Chair (District 2), James Babyak (District 6), Rebecca Brenneman (District 10), Dana Harmon (District 9), Shane Johnson (District 4), Scott Kohan (District 3) and Tom “Smitty” Smith (District 5). Jonathan Blackburn (District 8), Lisa Chavarria (Mayor) and Nakyshia Fralin (District 1) were absent.

Staff in Attendance: Debbie Kimberly, Erika Bierschbach, Denise Kuehn, Liz Jambor, Tim Harvey, Manny Garza, Jamie Mitchell and Toye Goodson of Austin Energy.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Dielmann called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

Tim Arndt spoke in support of Items 2 and 3.

#### *Consent Items:*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Approve issuance of a rebate to SS AFFORDABLE HOUSING LP, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Silver Springs Apartments located at 12151 North I-35 Service Road in Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. (District 1)
3. Approve issuance of a rebate to TEXCEL LP LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Lamar Place located at 6309 Burns Street in Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$75,810. (District 4)

**The motion to approve Items 1-3 on consent was approved on Chair Dielmann’s motion, Vice Chair White’s second, on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Blackburn, Chavarria and Fralin absent.**

#### *Non-Consent*

### **STAFF BRIEFING**

4. Resource Planning Process 2019 by Erika Bierschbach, Vice President, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning. Commissioners requested information regarding the Fayette Power Project, fleet electrification and the studies committed to in the current Resource Plan.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. Discuss and recommend approval of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Austin Energy’s Customer Energy Solutions division. Debbie Kimberly, Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, provided an update on the proposed budget. She and Tim Harvey, Manager, Customer Renewable Solutions, answered questions and provided additional detail. Vice Chair White distributed recommendations of the last Resource Planning Working Group and, with co-sponsors Commissioners Brenneman and Kohan, introduced a draft resolution recommending that City Council add \$2 million to the solar incentives budget and direct Austin Energy to continue to make available incentives for to hard-to-reach customers.

**The motion to approve the resolution failed on Vice Chair White’s motion, Commissioner Kohan’s second, on a 5-2-1 vote, with Chair Dielmann and Commissioner Harmon voting against, Commissioner Babyak abstaining and Commissioners Blackburn, Chavarria and Fralin absent.**

## **STAFF REPORT**

6. An Update on the Status of Determining MW Savings through 2025, 2027 and 2029 by Liz Jambor, Director, Data Analytics and Business Intelligence.

## **WORKING GROUP REPORT**

7. Report from the Resource Management Commission's Access to Solar Working Group consisting of Commissioners Brenneman, Harmon, Johnson and Kohan and Vice Chair White. (Related to Item 8.) Commissioner Brenneman said the group talked about expanding their scope to include the issue of energy burden. Chair Dielmann asked that the Working Group bring forward any change in scope to the entire Commission for consideration.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

8. Discuss and recommend programs and policies designed to expand access to solar energy for low-income residents, renters, and tenants of multifamily housing. (Related to Item 7.)  
There was no discussion or action on this item.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Discuss potential topics for future agendas.  
The liaison listed items on next month's agenda including: a briefing from Austin Water on potential implementation of alternative onsite water use requirements for new commercial developments; a quarterly update from Texas Gas Service; and possibly, an update and recommendations from the Access to Solar Working Group. Commissioner Babyak asked for information on recent state legislation related to green building.

**ADJOURN** – Chair Dielmann adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.