



Electric Utility Commission August 12, 2019 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regularly scheduled meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Meeting called to order by Chair Ferchill at 6:05pm. Present were Vice Chair Hopkins, Commissioners Boyle, Funkhouser, Hadden, Reed, Tuttle, and Weldon. Commissioners Wray, Stone, Tuttle and Collier-Brown arrived after call to order.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL – *Tim Arndt (support Items 5 & 6); Paul Robbins (support spending CAP “surplus” per proposed budget resolution); Al Braden (350 Austin: grateful for Climate Emergency resolution); Dale Bulla (more energy storage); Glenn Washburn & Nathan Stevens (Democratic Socialists of America: climate concerns); Beki + Richard Halpin (350 Austin: grateful for Climate Emergency resolution); Gilbert Starkey (350 Austin: grateful for Climate Emergency resolution; close FPP)*

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting.
Motion (Hadden) to approve minutes; seconded (Reed); passed on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioners Collier-Brown and Tuttle off the dais.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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Motion (Funkhouser) to approve Items 3, 5-6; seconded (Boyle); motion passed on a vote of 9-0, with Commissioners Collier-Brown and Tuttle off the dais. Following discussion, the following actions occurred:

- **Item 2: motion (Boyle); seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Commissioner Collier-Brown off the dais; and**
 - **Item 4: motion (Weldon); seconded (Hopkins); passed on a vote of 8-0-2-1 with Commissioners Boyle and Stone abstaining and Commissioner Wray recused.**
2. (8/22) Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Flintco, LLC, for construction of the Austin Community College Highland Chilled Water Plant, in the amount of \$24,380,000, plus a \$3,657,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$28,037,000.
 3. (8/22) Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the professional engineering services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group CLMP221 for additional funding for the Austin Community College Chiller Plant, in the amount of \$350,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,408,000.
 4. (9/19) [Various Depts; AE’s estimated amount is \$18.8M] Authorize negotiation and execution of various cooperative contracts during Fiscal Year 2019-2020 through the STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES cooperative purchasing

program, for the purchase of computer, network and other technology hardware, software and related maintenance and technology services, in an amount not to exceed \$55,858,852.

5. (9/19) 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)
6. (9/19) 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)

STAFF REPORTS

7. Third quarter Fiscal Year 2019 operations report – **presented by Charles Dickerson, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.**
8. Third quarter Fiscal Year 2019 financial report – **presented by Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer.**
9. Presentation, discussion and possible action on Austin Energy's Proposed FY20 Budget – **presented by Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager and Chief Financial and Risk Officer. Motion (Funkhouser) to approve FY20 budget as presented; seconded (Wray); passed on a vote of 11-0.**

Motion (Boyle) to extend the meeting past 10:00pm; seconded (Wray); passed on a vote of 11-0.

10. Resource Plan process update. – **presented by Erika Bierschbach, Vice President Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning. Motion (Collier-Brown) to approve the Working Group membership with the addition of Commissioner Hadden; seconded (Boyle); passed on vote of 11-0.**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

11. Discussion and possible action regarding studies required by the 2017 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan and Council and Council Resolution No. 20170817-061. (Wray, Hadden) – **Discussed in conjunction with Item 10.**
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2019 update of the 2017 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. (Wray, Hadden) – **Discussed in conjunction with Item 10.**
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Council resolution declaring a Climate Emergency. (Wray, Hadden) – **Formed Climate Emergency Working Group comprised of Commissioners Hadden, Stone and Wray.**
14. Discussion regarding FPP Operational data. (Weldon, Ferchill) – **Commissioner Weldon requested quarterly update at October meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Discussion and possible action regarding EUC Annual Review 2018-19 – **Motion (Boyle) to approve EUC Annual Review 2018-19; seconded (Collier-Brown); passed on a vote of 11-0.**
16. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
17. Discuss potential future agenda items.
 - **Boyle: IT projects update**
 - **Ferchill: Procurement process presentation**
 - **Wray: List of Resource Plan studies' authoring entities**
 - **Various: Customer Care representatives to report back regarding possible disposition of CAP overcollection/"surplus" including analysis of proposal to give a 15% (vs current 10%) volume discount on 1) the first two tiers of electric consumption or 2) the entire consumption for CAP customers**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.