

# Electric Utility Commission November 18, 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 6:02pm. Present were Commissioners Boyle, Collier-Brown, Reed, Tuttle and Weldon. Commissioners Hadden and Stone arrived after call to order. Vice Chair Hopkins and Commissioners Funkhouser and Wray were absent.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL** – Paul Robbins (update on CAP discount concept); Al Braden (support for Item 12); Tim Arndt (compliments on multi-family energy efficiency programs); Dale Bulla (electric vehicles).

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting. Motion (Weldon) to approve minutes; seconded (Reed); passed on a vote of 6-0, with Vice Chair Hopkins and Commissioners Funkhouser and Wray absent, and Hadden and Stone off the dais.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT**

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Motion (Collier-Brown) to approve items 2-5, 8, 9, 11, 13-18; seconded (Tuttle); passed on a vote of 7-0 with Vice Chair Hopkins and Commissioners Funkhouser and Wray absent, and Hadden off the dais. Let the following votes reflect that Hopkins, Funkhouser and Wray were absent, and Hadden was off the dais:

- Item 6: Motion (Reed) to approve; seconded (Ferchill); passed on a vote of 6-1 with Boyle against.
- Item 7: Motion (Boyle) to approve; seconded (Weldon); passed on a vote of 7-0.
- Item 10: Motion (Boyle) to approve; seconded (Tuttle); passed on a vote of 7-0.
- Item 12: Motion (Tuttle) to approve; seconded (Stone); passed on a vote of 7-0.
- 2. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Doble Engineering Company, to provide asset risk management software, services, and support, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$428,125.
- 3. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Hyundai Power Transformers USA Inc., to uprate a transformer at the Cardinal Lane substation, in an amount not to exceed \$136,200.
- 4. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Approve ratification of a contract with Nolan Power Group LLC, for battery chargers, in the amount of \$280.

- 5. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Nolan Power Group LLC to provide battery chargers, for an increase in the amount of \$100,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$357,900.
- 6. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize award of a contract with Radian Research Inc., for an advanced metering infrastructure meter farm, in an amount not to exceed \$265,000.
- 7. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize award of a contract with Techline Inc., to provide steel utility poles, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.
- 8. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Sparx Systems North America, to provide an enterprise architect software tool, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$336,000.
- 9. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Smart Charge Residential, LLC, or one of the other qualified offerors to Request For Proposals (RFP) 1100 EAL3005, to provide electric vehicle charging stations maintenance and repairs, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$800,125.
- 10. (12/05) [Purchasing Office] (Various departments; AE's estimated amount is \$500,000) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with WorkQuest, to provide cleanup services for lands, creeks, electric utility distribution and transmission, and related infrastructures, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.
- 11. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Authorize execution of an agreement with Blue Wave USA, Inc. to provide performance-based incentives for the generation of solar energy at its light manufacturing facility located at 3725 South FM 973 in Austin, Texas, for an estimated \$85,471 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$854,708 over a 10-year period. (District 2)
- 12. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Authorize negotiation and execution of a 25-year power purchase agreement with ENGIE Distributed Solar, LLC an ENGIE subsidiary, for up to 1.8 megawatts of electricity from a distributed roof top solar-generation facility located at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, 3600 Presidential Blvd. in Austin, Texas, in an estimated amount of up to \$225,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of up to \$5,600,000. (District 2)
- 13. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of an approximate 0.114 of one acre (4,976 square feet) of land out of the J.P. Wallace Survey Abstract No. 789, Travis County, Texas, for the purpose of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community, being a portion of that 6.688 acres of land being described in Warranty Deed to 8319 N. Lamar, Ltd. and recorded in Document No. 2019004497, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$156,000, including standard and customary closing costs. The owner of the property interest is 8319 N. Lamar, Ltd. and the property is located at 8319 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.

# Note: The following 5 RCAs are eminent domain items related to the Circuit 811 upgrade.

14. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of an approximate 0.009 of one acre (400 square feet) of land situated in the James P. Wallace Survey, No. 57, Abstract No. 789, being a part of 2.925 acres described to PS Texas Holdings, Ltd., recorded in Volume 12841, Page 981, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$7,740, for

- the public use of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community. The owner of the property interest is PS Texas Holdings, Ltd. The property is located at 8129 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.
- 15. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of an approximate 0.046 of an acre (3,890 square feet) of land situated in the J.P. Wallace Survey, being a portion of Lot 1-A, Resubdivision of Lots A and B, Section Two, in the Powell Lane Subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 33, Page 30, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot 1-A described to Fatima RE, Inc., recorded in Document No. 2010115102, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$55,638, for the public use of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community. The owner of the property interest is Fatima RE, Inc. and Regions Bank as Lienholder, as evidenced by Document No. 2015129145. The property is located at 8201 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.
- 16. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of an approximate 0.089 of one acre (3,895 square feet) of land situated in the J.P. Wallace Survey, in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot A, Resubdivision of Lots 6 and 7, Block 4, Fiskville School Addition, recorded in Volume 33, Page 31, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot A described in a Warranty Deed with vendor's lien to Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc., recorded in Document No. 2000100700, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$368,779, for the public use of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community. The owner of the property interest is Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc. and Prosperity Bank as lienholder as evidenced by Document Nos. 20170234320 and 20170234320. The property is located at 8545 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.
- 17. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of an approximate 0.043 of one acre (1,875 square feet) of land situated in the J. Applegait Survey, in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 10-A, Resubdivision of Lot 10, Block A, North Lamar Park Section One, recorded in Volume 24, Page 44, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot 10-A described in Warranty Deed with vendor's lien to Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc., recorded in Document No. 2004208608, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$118,845, for the public use of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community. The owner of the property interest is Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc. and Prosperity Bank as Lienholder, as evidenced by Document No. 2009165940. The property is located at 8911 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.
- 18. (12/05) [Austin Energy] Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of an approximate 0.0192 of one acre (838 square feet) of land situated in the J. Applegait Survey Number 58, in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 3, White Plains Section 4, Phase 1, a subdivision recorded in Volume 16, Page 41, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, said Lot 3 described to Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc., recorded in Document No. 2000100700, Official Public

Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$18,855, for the public use of upgrading the capacity of transmission Circuit 811 and the overall electric system, and ensuring the distribution of safe and reliable electric services to the community. The owner of the property interest is Bluff Springs Food Mart, Inc. and Prosperity Bank as lienholder as evidenced by Document Nos. 2017024320, 2017024321, and 2017026121. The property is located at 10810 N. Lamar Blvd., within Council District 4, in Austin, Texas.

## STAFF REPORTS

- 19. Fourth quarter and year-end fiscal year 2019 financial report **presented by Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager, Chief Financial and Risk Officer.**
- 20. Transportation electrification update from Fleet Mobility Services and Austin Energy presented by Jennifer Walls, City of Austin Fleet Officer; Rick Harland, City of Austin Fleet Deputy Officer and Karl Popham, Manager, Energy Efficiency Services.
- 21. ERCOT Market Update presented by Erika Bierschbach, Vice President Energy Market Operations & Resource Planning.
- 22. Fourth quarter fiscal year 2019 operations report **presented by Charles Dickerson, Deputy** General Manager, Chief Operating Officer.

# ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- 23. Discussion and possible action regarding the Resource Plan Working Group. (Hadden, Ferchill) **No discussion; requested update item remain on agenda in January.**
- 24. Discussion and possible action regarding the Climate Emergency Resolution Working Group [Resolution No. 20190808-078]. (Wray, Hadden) **No discussion; requested update item remain on agenda in January.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 25. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
- 26. Discuss potential future agenda items.
  - Weldon FPP quarterly data
  - Hadden: standing item on agenda for reporting out the work of the Resource Planning Working Group and Climate Emergency Resolution Working Group

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.