



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3480, Agenda Item #: 2.

12/2/2021

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 two tracts of land, Tract 1, which is approximately 1,522 square feet of land out of the Samuel Cushing Survey Number 70, and Tract 2, which is approximately 2,927 square feet of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey, both situated the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of the property located at 2909 East Howard Lane, Manor, Texas 78653, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy Transmission Circuit #975, in an amount not to exceed \$98,000, including customary closing costs.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$98,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Prior Council Action:

December 7, 2017- Council authorized negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 8, 2021- Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Hopkins absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The Circuit #975 upgrade project requires the relocation of a portion of the existing transmission circuit out of the Missouri-Kansas Railroad ("MOKAN") corridor. That portion of Circuit #975 needs to be upgraded from a 2,000-amp rating to 3,000 amps. That section of the circuit has been notably unreliable due to inadequate shielding and minimal phase-phase, and phase-structure spacing. The line is also currently inaccessible for construction, and in the current location will not meet National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements. The new location along Howard Lane will provide increased safety and reliability, as well as improved connectivity within the overall electric service system. Acquisition of this easement was previously approved by Council, however, obtaining unencumbered title to the easement tract required significant additional time and funding beyond the amounts originally anticipated in 2017.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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