

**AUSTIN ENERGY'S  
2022 BASE RATE REVIEW**

§     **BEFORE THE CITY OF AUSTIN**  
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§     **IMPARTIAL HEARING EXAMINER**

**AUSTIN ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO INDEPENDENT CONSUMER  
ADVOCATE'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Austin Energy files this Response to the Independent Consumer Advocate's ("ICA") Third Request for Information ("RFI") submitted on May 24, 2022. Pursuant to the 2022 Austin Energy Base Rate Review Procedural Guidelines § F(2)(f)(1), this Response is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

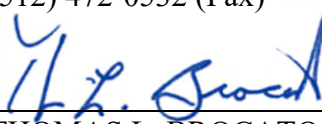
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**ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
D/B/A AUSTIN ENERGY**

ICA 3-1      Please provide the composition of A&G Expense directly assigned to the production function. Describe how these A&G expenses were identified.

ANSWER:      Directly assigned A&G expenses for power production can be found on WP D-2.1. These expenses were identified by the business units related to power production. More than 90% of these costs are related to South Texas Project and Fayette Power Project and, thus, are assigned to Austin Energy through the relevant operating agreements.

Prepared by: MM / GR

Sponsored by: Grant Rabon

ICA 3-2      Please provide a detailed break out of the expenses included in Account 930, General Expenses, which indicates the departments/purpose of the activity. As part of this question, provide the basis and reason for any known and measurable adjustments to this account.

ANSWER:    See Work Paper D-1.2. See also Attachment ICA 3-2.

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Row Labels	Unit Name	Sum of Total Company			
	1105 Facility Management	859,918.36			
	1106 Public Involvement Real Estate Services & Survey	1,283.98			
	1112 Human Resources	151,393.64			
	1114 Key Accounts Management	3,960.00			
	1115 Data Analytics & Business Intelligence	1,878.04			
	1117 Security Management Services	102,332.47			
	1120 CES Administration	72,657.57			
	1121 Marketing Communications	25,713.38			
	1122 Corporate Communications	2,563.42			
	1126 Corporate Support Services Director	7,996.66			
	1302 Law Section	2,421.25			
	1305 General Managers Office	73,461.00			
	1306 General Operations	365,455.92			
	1309 Occupational Health and Safety Services	12,031.30			
	1312 State & Federal Govt Relations	498,077.41			
	1317 Community Support	154,273.40			
	1319 Risk Control	45,000.00			
	1320 Strategic Planning and Technology	715,517.82			
	1322 Energy Market Systems	101,853.21			
	1350 Office Of Chief Operating Officer	18,000.00			
	2100 Environmental Management	2,079.75			
	2102 Environmental Field Service	2,507.55			
	2213 Administration - Decker	107.99			
	2218 Sand Hill - Engineering and Environmental	4,388.95			
	2220 Sand Hill-Warehouse				
	2251 Generation Engineering	147,609.74			
	2252 Decker Maintenance	766.72			
	2282 Decker Warehouse	59.60			
	2411 Fayette Operations	26,804.70			
	2415 Stp Operations	906,958.77			
	2452 DSM Program Support	42,759.00			
	2487 Electric Vehicles	10,891.31			
	2490 Emerging Technologies	-			
	3003 VP Field Operations	38,544.50			
	3102 Emergency Management	30,038.50			
	3103 Pole Attachment Services	2,695.18			
	3124 Advanced Grid Technologies	1,641,701.89			
	3204 Transmission Engineering	61.59			
	3206 Equipment & Materials Engineering	460.88			
	3210 Inventory Clearing North	44,945.88			
	3215 Disaster Restoration	1,174,120.20			
	3502 Electrical Maintenance	12,687.54			
	3504 Distribution Construction & Maintenance-South	2,236.50			
	3514 Dist Design South	(425.48)			
	3601 Electric System Field Operations North Admin	2,319.23			
	3703 Civil Contractor Inspection	66.72			
	3708 Vegetation Management Contractor Inspection-Distribution	(1,548.92)			
	3710 Vegetation Management Contractor Inspection-Transmission	60.00			
	3711 Distribution System Engineering	883.20			
	3721 GIS Services	14,041.99			
	3800 Distribution Standards	3,735.00			
	5112 Control Engineering	676,687.81			
	7500 Interest Accrual - Debt	0.00			
	7510 Commission On Debt	377,326.28			
	7511 Commercial Paper Admin Exp Taxable	2,430,748.99			
	8311 Ae Internal Audits	560.00			
	8317 Kramer Warehouse	25,820.31			
	8318 St Elmo Warehouse	53,036.94			
	8319 Reclamation	12,594.83			
	8320 IT CIO	6,019.93			
	8321 IT Cyber Network Security	167,583.68			
	8322 IT Business & Quality Management	15,345,767.06			
	8323 IT Customer Service	69,303.20			
	8324 IT Operations	325,583.45			
	8325 IT Engineering & Architecture	2,277.05			
	8326 IT Program Management	82,526.24			
	8327 IT Enterprise Applications	225.00			
	8336 IT Planning	280,742.58			
	8337 IT Apps, Data & Web	6,379.48			
	8340 Corporate Accounting	7,020.00			
	8361 Reliability & Power Quality Engineering	77,985.00			
	8366 Fleet Management	107,896.11			
	8803 Cust. Complaints & Rsln	(2,051.36)			
	8804 Customer Care Staff Development	3,871.63			
	8805 Remittance Processing	166.65			
	8807 Bill Production	23,674.34			
	8809 Rev Measure-Field Services Ops	2,567.96			
	8811 Revenue Measurement&Control	3,563.56			
	8812 Rev Measurement Field Supp.	8,969.01			
	8813 Call Center	378,180.82			
	8814 Credit Management	249.99			
	8815 Operational Review and Analysis	573.16			
	8816 Call Center Consumer Serv.	3,454.09			
	8827 Customer Assistance Program Services	1,054.35			
	8829 Utility Billing System Rates Development	97,885.38			
	8832 311 Technology and Support Operations	499,099.54			
	8839 South Branch Office	127.60			
	8994 Support Services-Corporate	734,409.55			
	9991 Interfund Transfers-Electric	31,310,910.22			
<b>Total Company</b>		60,450,137.74			
	APPA	(6,993.64)			
	LPPC	(27,024.48)			
	Business Council for Sustainable Energy	(7,300.00)			
<b>Less Non-Electric</b>		<b>(41,318.12)</b>	<b>WP D-5</b>		
	City Services	(1,219,673.00)	<b>WP D-1.2.5</b>		
	City Services FERC Reclass	31,303,352.00	<b>WP D-1.2.5.1</b>		
	Test Year Labor and GAAP Adjustment	(54,245.50)	<b>WP D-3.1</b>		
	Decker Ramp-down	(336.71)	<b>WP D-1.2.2</b>		
	Genesys Call Center Software	524,597.06	<b>WP D-1.2.15</b>		
<b>Known and Measureable Adjustments</b>		<b>30,553,693.85</b>	<b>WP D-1.2</b>		
	Less Direct Allocation	<b>(1,086,696.47)</b>	<b>WP D-2.1</b>		
		89,875,817.00	<b>WP D-2</b>		
	<b>Allocator</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Transmission</b>	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Customer</b>
	Payroll	17,727,087	8,867,222	26,960,825	36,320,683
		1,086,696			
		18,813,784	8,867,222	26,960,825	36,320,683
					<b>Direct Allocation to Production</b>
					<b>Schedule G-1</b>

ICA 3-3 Does AE track injury and damages expense by function? If yes, provide the amount by function. If not, please provide a description of the five largest claims for injuries and damages in the test year.

ANSWER: Austin Energy does not track injury and damages expense by function. The five largest claims paid during the Test Year are provided in the table below.

Five Largest Injury or Damage Claims Paid by AE in FY21			
Item	Type	Description of Incident	Amt Paid
1	Auto	Vehicle collision with bodily injury and property damage	\$ 21,000.00
2	Auto	Vehicle collision with bodily injury	\$ 11,500.00
3	General	Damage to private property	\$ 2,687.00
4	Auto	Damage to private property	\$ 2,608.83
5	Auto	Damage to private property	\$ 2,300.00

Prepared by: AM

Sponsored by: Rusty Maenius

ICA 3-4      With respect to Service Initiation Fee revenues, please provide the proportion paid for residential structures vs. other structures.

ANSWER:      Service initiation fee revenue is not separated by end use.

Prepared by:   MG / SK

Sponsored by: Monica Gonzalez

ICA 3-5      Please identify (including WP or Schedule reference) the items which are allocated on the basis of the "PayrollxT&AG" allocation factors.

ANSWER:    None.

Prepared by:   GR

Sponsored by: Grant Rabon

ICA 3-6 Please identify the FERC accounts which include solar and Sand Hill Combined Cycle gross plant cost and production O&M expense. Specify the amounts applicable to each.

ANSWER: FY 2021 Sandhill Energy Center gross plant is \$367.6 million including GT & combined cycle which are reflected in FERC accounts 341 through 346, below. Utility scale solar is contracted through Purchase Power Agreements. Sandhill Energy Center O&M is reflected in the below FERC accounts.

**Sandhill Energy Center 9/30/21**

<b>Gross Book Value by FERC</b>		<b>\$ in Millions</b>
	341	7.3
	342	22.3
	343	13.3
	344	314.6
	345	9.1
	346	1.0
<b>Total</b>		<u>367.6</u>

**FY21 Sandhill Energy Center O&M**

<b>FERC</b>	<b>\$ in Thousands</b>
500	5
502	3
505	6
506	1
511	17
514	20
546	2,491
548	4,721
549	307
552	175
553	2,488
554	4,773
920	3
923	4
930	4
<b>Total</b>	<u>15,019</u>

Prepared by: MG / GR

Sponsored by: Monica Gonzalez



ICA 3-7 Does 3-1-1 provide back up service during night time for departments such as water & wastewater, streets and roadways, and public safety? If yes, please describe the nature of the back up service and whether the departments pay an additional amount for this back up.

ANSWER: No.

Prepared by: JG

Sponsored by: Jerry Galvan

ICA 3-8      This request is applicable to Residential-Inside City customers. Based on load sampling data, provide the load factor for a typical 250 – 400 kWh customer, a typical 600 – 750 kWh customer, and a typical 1,500 – 2,000 kWh customer.

ANSWER:      Austin Energy has not calculated load factors for typical residential customers inside the City of Austin. The attached data from Austin Energy's Load Research program can be used to calculate load factors for residential customers which fit the definitions requested.

In the attached files, customers are listed in the column headings. The values shown in the column heading are random numbers and do not correspond to any identification numbers in the billing system. The attached files do not include any personally identifiable information.

See Attachments:

Attachment ICA 3-8a (zip): Inside City of Austin Residential Customers with Consumption Between 250 and 400 kWh Organized by Month

Attachment ICA 3-8b (zip): Inside City of Austin Residential Customers with Consumption Between 600 and 750 kWh Organized by Month

Attachment ICA 3-8c (zip): Inside City of Austin Residential Customers with Consumption Between 1500 and 2000 kWh Organized by Month

Prepared by: JL

Sponsored by: Brian Murphy

## **Attachment ICA 3-8a**

(provided in Native Excel Format)

**Attachment ICA 3-8b**  
(provided in Native Excel Format)

**Attachment ICA 3-8c**  
(provided in Native Excel Format)

ICA 3-9      Please provide any appliance saturation studies performed by or for AE. For purposes of this request, an appliance saturation study involves an estimation of the percentages of customers or categories of customers with particular types of electric appliances.

ANSWER:      Austin Energy has not commissioned an Appliance Saturation Survey.

Prepared by: JT

Sponsored by: Mark Dombroski