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Response to Austin Energy's First Request for Information to Paul Robbins

AE1-1: Regarding page 4, section 1.3, please explain how the City of Georgetown's \$24.80 residential fixed charge for electric service is related to "take-or-pay power purchases unique to the utility."

I believe I am in error here. While a large take-or-pay contract did boost Georgetown's electric utility bills by a large amount, this does not appear to have been placed in the monthly charge.

My admission of error should not distract from my main point: Georgetown is the only municipal utility in ERCOT that has high monthly charges similar to what Austin Energy now wishes to burden its customers with. The fact that Austin Energy did not include these other utilities in its own rate filing is itself an error of omission.

AE1-2: Regarding page 6, item B, please explain in detail how older dwellings becoming more efficient over time will alter Austin Energy's trend of reduced energy sales per residential customer.

I view this as a statement, not a question.

But to respond, the theme of Austin Energy's flawed analysis on energy use in Residential buildings over time is that new buildings have become more efficient, and this is the utility's rationalé for a radically restructured electric rate.

I merely pointed out that one reason the new buildings were not as comparatively superior in efficiency as the analysis stated was because older buildings did not *yet* have the modern appliances of the new ones (but may eventually install them as replacements).

I am highly supportive of energy efficiency. Unlike the utility, I don't want to punish customers for practicing it.