

**AUSTIN ENERGY 2022 BASE RATE
REVIEW**

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**TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS SEVENTH REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION TO AUSTIN ENERGY**

Texas Industrial Energy Consumers (“TIEC”), by and through its attorneys of record, requests that Austin Energy (“Austin Energy” or “you”) provide information and answer the attached questions under oath pursuant to Procedural Guidelines Section B.3(a) and Section F. It is further requested that the questions be answered in the order in which they are asked with as much detail so as to fully present all of the relevant facts.

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

A. Austin Energy” or “you” refers to Austin Energy, and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees or other persons.

B. The terms “document” or “documents” are used in their broadest sense to include, by way of illustration and not limitation, all written or graphic matter of every kind and description whether printed, produced, reproduced or stored by any process whether visually, magnetically, mechanically, electronically or by hand, whether final or draft, original or reproduction, whether or not claimed to be privileged or otherwise excludable from discovery, and whether or not in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control. The terms include writings, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, studies, reports, surveys, statistical compilations, notes, calendars, tapes, computer disks, data on computer drives, e-mail, cards, recordings, contracts, agreements, invoices, licenses, diaries, journals, accounts, pamphlets, books, ledgers, publications, microfilm, microfiche and any other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, by you if necessary, into reasonably usable form. The definition includes electronic information that has been deleted. “Document” or “documents” shall also include every copy of a document where the copy contains any commentary or notation of any kind that does not appear on the original or any other copy.

C. Pursuant to Rule 196.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, TIEC specifically requests that any electronic or magnetic information (which is included in the definition of “document”) that is responsive to a request herein be produced on CD-ROM in a format that is compatible with Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft, Macintosh and/or Word Perfect and be produced with your response to these requests. If emails are responsive to these requests, please provide a searchable .pdf copy of the entire email string. Attachments to emails should be provided with the email in searchable .pdf form, unless it is stored in a different format, in which the attachment should be produced in its native format and provided on CD-Rom.

D. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed both disjunctively and conjunctively as necessary to make the request inclusive rather than exclusive.

E. “Each” shall be construed to include the word “every” and “every” shall be construed to include the word “each.”

F. “Any” shall be construed to include “all” and “all” shall be construed to include “any.”

G. The term “concerning,” or one of its inflections, includes the following meanings: relating to; referring to; pertaining to; regarding; discussing; mentioning; containing; reflecting; evidencing; describing; showing; identifying; providing; disproving; consisting of; supporting; contradicting; in any way legally, logically or factually connected with the matter to which the term refers; or having a tendency to prove or disprove the matter to which the term refers.

H. The term “including,” or one of its inflections, means and refers to “including but not limited to.”

I. Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.

J. The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.

K. If any document is withheld under any claims of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed together with the following information: date, sender, recipients of copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed. This instruction is not intended to impose an obligation greater than contemplated by the Commission’s rules and any applicable orders in this case.

L. If the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.

M. If the information requested is included in previously furnished exhibits, workpapers, and responses to other discovery inquiries or otherwise, in hard copy or electronic format, please furnish specific references thereto, including Bates Stamp page citations and detailed cross-references.

N. The term “emails” includes the entire email string and all attachments found anywhere within the email string. Please refer to paragraph “C.” regarding specific instructions for producing such items.

O. “Communications” refers to correspondence of any kind, including emails.

P. “Identify” and “describe” shall have the meaning set forth below according to the context in which the term is used:

- i. When used in reference to an individual, shall mean to state his or her full name, business affiliation, job title, and business address and telephone number;
- ii. When used in reference to a corporation, shall mean to state its full name, its state of incorporation, its address and its principal place of business;
- iii. When used in reference to any entity other than an individual or corporation, shall mean to state its official name, its organizational form and its address;
- iv. When used in reference to a document, shall mean to state the type of document, date, author, addressee, title, its present location, the name and address of its custodian, and the substance of the contents thereof. In lieu of identifying any document, copies thereof may be furnished; and
- v. When used in reference to a communication, shall mean to state the form of the communication (e.g., telephone conversation, letter, telegram, teletype, telecopy, written memorandum, face to face conversation, or any other form), the date of the communication or the dates on which the communication was sent and/or received if not the same, the parties to the communication, the party who initiated it, the substance of the communication, and the present location and the name and address of the custodian if the communication was non-verbal and/or of any written memorialization of the communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John R. Hubbard, Attorney for TIEC, hereby certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 8th day of July, 2022 by electronic mail, facsimile, and/or First Class, U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid.

/s/ John R. Hubbard

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- TIEC 7-1** From page 25 of Scott Burnham’s rebuttal testimony, please provide the following:
- a. An estimate of the costs incurred by Austin Energy to install and maintain the primary distribution poles and lines to serve each of the Primary \geq 20 MW customers up to the POI.
 - b. Any analysis comparing the costs of the facilities identified in part a with the portion of primary substations, poles, and conductors allocated to the Primary \geq 20 MW customer class as proposed by Austin Energy in its test-year class cost-of-service study.
 - c. Citations supporting the statement that “it is common ratemaking practice to recover system costs on a class average basis regardless of the physical location of the interconnection.”
- TIEC 7-2** Regarding the rebuttal testimony of Grant Rabon at 25, please provide the General Fund Transfer as a percentage of revenues excluding Power Supply Adjustment costs and non-electric costs for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- TIEC 7-3** Referring to Austin Energy’s response to ICA 2-3, please confirm that the Total Operating Revenues for 2018, 2019 and 2020 include Power Supply Adjustment costs and non-electric costs. If not confirmed, please provide the Total Operating Revenue excluding Power Supply Adjustment costs and non-electric costs.
- TIEC 7-4** Provide a copy of all City Council ordinances approving the 12% General Fund Transfer rate and 50% internal cash funding for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 and explain whether the City Council could modify any such ordinances in the ordinance adopting any rate change that results from this rate review.
- TIEC 7-5** Please provide all communications that Austin Energy has had with Fitch in the last year, including all communications regarding Fitch’s recent rating action with respect to Austin Energy referenced in Mr. Dombroski’s rebuttal testimony. To the extent the communications were not written, please provide a detailed description of them.