

Independent Consumer Advocate (ICA)
Requests-For-Information (RFIs) Set 8 on Austin Energy Rebuttal
Date Sent: July 8, 2022

- 8-1. Please update the response to ICA 4-5.
- 8-2. Referring to Rabon Rebuttal Testimony, page 16, please provide workpapers supporting the annual non-nuclear decommissioning amount of \$8.4 million.
- 8-3. Referring to Gonzales Rebuttal Testimony, page 6, lines 1-6, please describe any efforts by Austin Energy to recover the disputed revenue.
- 8-4. At page 42, Mr. Murphy states that he agrees that only costs which directly vary with number of customers should be included in the customer charge. Please provide evidence and proof that the following costs on Schedule G-5 (Customer Classification) directly vary with the number of customers: Account 920 (A&G salaries); Account 930 (General Expenses); and General Fund Transfer.
- 8-5. At page 46 of Mr. Murphy's testimony, he states that "cost-based rates send accurate price signals." Does Mr. Murphy agree that his definition of cost-based rates and accurate price signals does not include the effect of economic externalities, such as climate change? Is it inappropriate to consider the impact of economic externalities in designing rates?
- 8-6. At page 13, Mr. Murphy states that he believes a 25.7% increase to the Residential class would constitute "rate shock." Does Mr. Murphy disagree with Mr. Johnson's testimony that AE's proposal would result in a 26% base revenue increase for Inside City-Non CAP residential customers? (Johnson Initial Presentation at 11) Does the base revenue increase for Inside City residential customers constitute "rate shock?"
- 8-7. At page 23, Mr. Murphy references Dr. Bonbright's *Principles of Public Utility Rates* in his discussion of rate design objectives. Please confirm that Dr. Bonbright viewed the merits of public utility fully distributed cost studies as "dubious" because the analyses fail to distinguish between cost determination and mere cost apportionment—between those costs which can be imputed to specific customer classes and those costs which are unallocable from the standpoint of cost determination. (*Principles of Public Utility Rates*, 1961, page 367)