

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

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

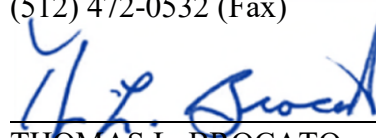
**AUSTIN ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO SIERRA CLUB AND PUBLIC CITIZEN'S
SIXTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Austin Energy files this Response to Sierra Club and Public Citizen's ("SCPC") Sixth Request for Information ("RFI") submitted on July 8, 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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SCPC 6-1: Please refer to the Rebuttal Testimony of Mark Dombroski at page 43, lines 1-3, which states: "Witness Hausman requested the data supporting Figures 7-28 and 7-29 in SCPC 3-1 as stated in footnote 12, but did not request any guidance on how to interpret the data." Please provide the referenced guidance, including a narrative description of each field in the table on the "Data" tab in the file "Attachment SCPC 3-1A.xlsx.xlsb."

ANSWER: See Attachment SCPC 3-1A, sheet "Readme." The readme includes a data dictionary for the data table included in the attachment.

The report for billing data includes bins of 50 kWh by month by customer characteristics (such as Inside/Outside the City of Austin). These bins are shown in the "BLOCK" field as boundaries. For example, a value of 449 in "BLOCK" includes bills between 400 and 449 kWh. Bills for consumption greater than 7999 are coded as '9999999.' The billing data shown in this block includes consumption of 8000 kWh and greater.

Bill corrections frequently are posted to the General Ledger in the same month as the original bill. However, bill corrections from a prior accounting period will appear as a negative value. These bill corrections are included in order to report the actual amount of the final bills sent to customers.

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Attachment SCPC 3-1A
(provided in Native Excel Format)

SCPC 6-2: Please refer to the tab labelled "Figure 7-29 WP" in Attachment SCPC 3-1A.xlsx.xlsb to Austin Energy's Response to SCPC 3-1, which includes Non-CAP and CAP data by fiscal year. Please provide a corrected workpaper that illustrates how Figure 7-29, including the proportion of customers in each rate tier for year 2020, was created.

ANSWER: See Attachment SCPC 3-1A, sheet "Figure 7-29 WP (revised)."

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SCPC 6-3: Refer to the Rebuttal Testimony of Richard Genece at page 5, lines 3-11.

- a. Please provide specific examples of energy efficiency investments made by specific high-load customers in the last five years.
- b. Does Austin Energy document the demand reduction and energy efficiency efforts of high-load customers? If yes, please provide the total energy and peak demand savings that have been achieved by those high-load customers' investments. If Austin Energy does not document those efforts, explain why not and explain the basis for the statement that those customers "are using the system efficiently."

ANSWER:

- a. Austin Energy does not have documentation on specific examples of energy efficiency investments made by customers that are not performed as part of any Customer Energy Solutions program.
- b. Austin Energy documents demand reduction and energy efficiency estimates for any customer that participates in energy efficiency or demand response programs. Only half of the customers that are eligible for the Primary 2 High Load Factor rate have completed projects with Austin Energy in the last five years and delivered 3.335 megawatts and 14,948 megawatt-hours of energy and peak demand savings. Austin Energy does not document energy and demand savings for projects that may be done outside of the Customer Energy Solutions program. High load factor load profiles are the most efficient way to utilize utility equipment by maximizing the benefit of the distribution upgrade investments and maintaining more consistent and predictable load.

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