

# Austin Energy Base Rate Review Status and Process Update

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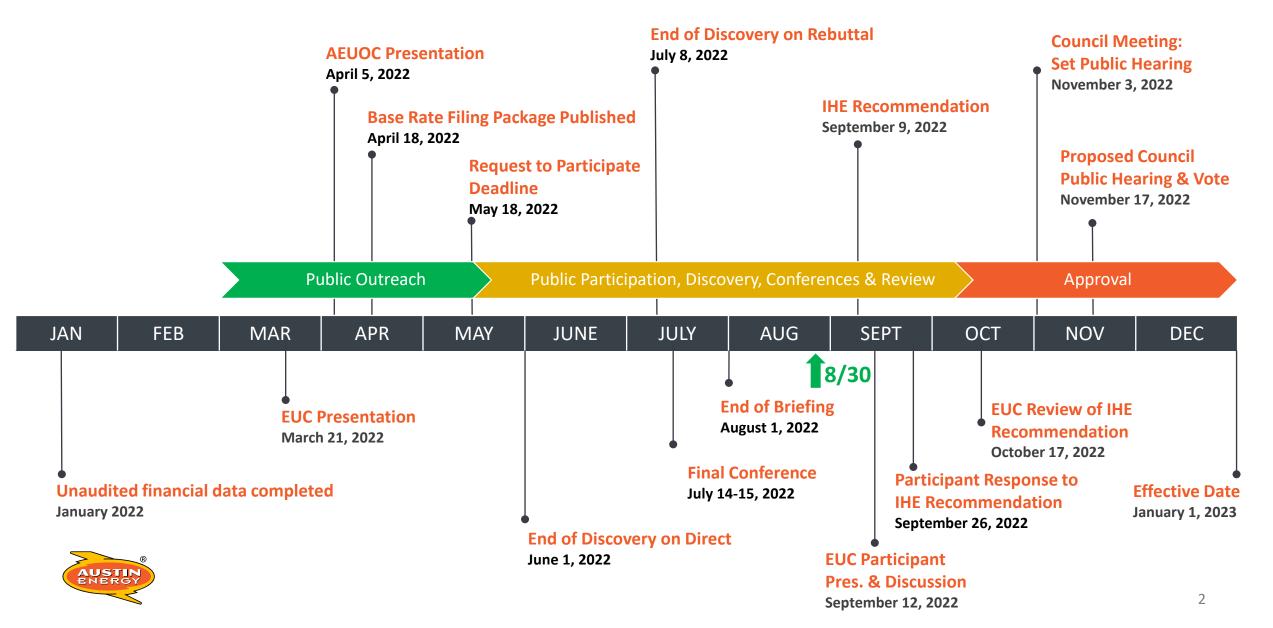




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Item 3

## Austin Energy Base Rate Review Timeline



# Since Last AEUOC Meeting

#### Public Outreach and Participation

- Discussed at 6/6 AEUOC Meeting
- 600+ Public Comments Submitted

#### Discovery & Rebuttal

- Formal Participants Submitted Questions to AE
- Participant Cross Rebuttal
- Austin Energy responded to more than 500 questions

### Technical Conferences

- July 11: Settlement Discussions
- July 13-15: Final Conference: Hearing on the Merits

#### Participants Filed Post-Hearing Briefs

• All briefs and documents on City Clerk's website

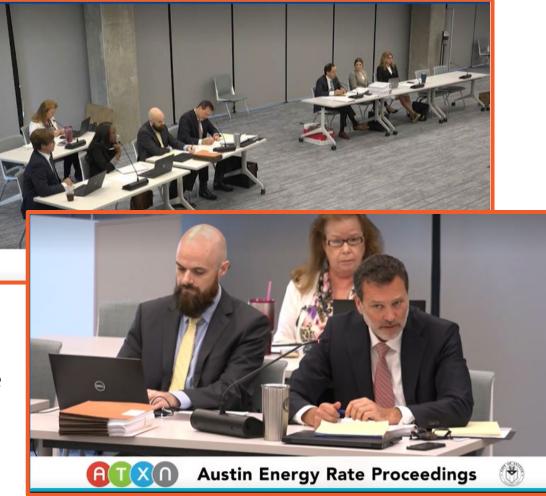
#### Formal Participants:

- Independent Consumer Advocate (ICA)
- Sierra Club and Public Citizen
- Solar and Storage Coalition
- Solar United Neighbors
- 2WR
- Homeowners United for Rate Fairness
- Paul Robbins
- Victor Martinez, Austin Energy Customer
- Coalition for Clean Affordable and Reliable Energy (CCARE)
- Data Foundry, LLC
- Austin Regional Manufacturers Assn (ARMA)
- National Instruments
- Texas Industrial Energy Consumers (TIEC)
- NXP Semiconductor



# Final Conference: Hearing on the Merits

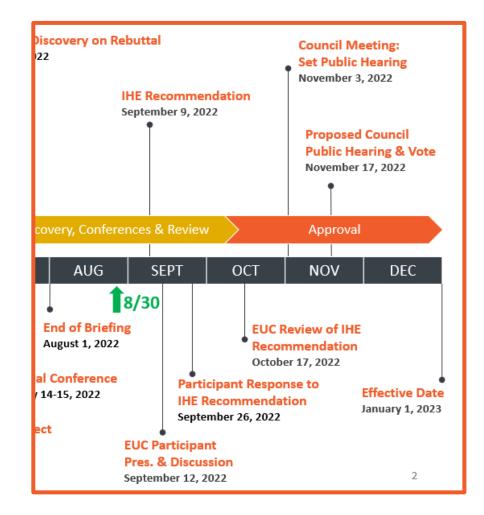
- Led by Impartial Hearing Examiner
- Held at AEHQ & Broadcast on ATXN
- Process:
  - Austin Energy provided opening testimony
  - All formal participants provided testimony
  - Witness Questioning
  - Cross Examination/Rebuttal
  - Closing statements
- Post-Hearing Briefs Filed
  - All briefs & documents filed on City Clerk's website
- Next: IHE Recommendation on 9/9





# **Upcoming Decisions: EUC & Council**

- Impartial Hearing Examiner
  - 9/9: Release Recommendation to Council
- Electric Utility Commission
  - 9/12: Review IHE Recommendation and hear from participants
  - 10/17: Make Recommendation to Council
- City Council
  - 10/11: AEUOC
  - 11/3: Set Public Hearing
  - 11/17: Public Hearing & Vote







## 2012 Base Rate Process

- First base rate case since 1994.
- One year engagement with the community and EUC.
- 13 council meetings over 6 months including public hearings with over 100 public speakers.
- Over 20 council meetings in total.





## 2012 Base Rate Process

- Three components: Public Involvement Committee (PIC) / EUC / Council
- Jan.-June, 2011: PIC Process (14 members / 6 monthly meetings / white papers for each meeting / professional facilitator).
- Sept.-Nov., 2011: EUC Process (five public hearings / final set of recommendations / process governed by resolution).
- Dec., 2011-May, 2012: Council Process (regular updates / 2 public hearings / 114 speakers / 6 presentations / 12 work sessions / consumer advocate / public hearing with 17 commenters. Also, offered public outreach and information (website, monthly updates, flyers, bill inserts, posting all presentations, meeting minutes).
- June 7, 2012: Council decision.

• Aug. 3, 2012: PUC appeal filed.





## 2016 Base Rate Process

- Jan. 25: Austin Energy files base rate case. Proposes \$17.5 million base rate reduction. Subsequently modified to \$24.6 million reduction. Twentyfive stakeholders, representing all customer classes participate.
- May 3: Following 85-day discovery period, intervenors file direct testimony. On May 10, 2016, intervenors file cross rebuttal testimony.
- May 20: Austin Energy files rebuttal testimony.
- May 31-June 2: Hearing before an Independent Hearing Examiner ("IHE").
- June 10: Intervenor briefs filed. Austin Energy filed its closing brief on June 17.
- July 15: IHE issues 299-page Report summarizing the evidence and making recommendations on the disputed issues.





## 2016 Base Rate Process (continued)

- July 22: Exceptions to the Report filed.
- Aug. 1: Replies to Exceptions filed.
- Aug. 5: Supplemental Report issued.
- Aug. 8-22: Council work sessions (August 8, 15, 22).
- Aug. 15: Signatories announce agreement in principal recommending \$42.5 base rate reduction.
- Aug. 25/29: Public Hearings
- Sept. 29: Budget amendment adoption.
- Oct. 1: Effective date.



# **Resources and Information**

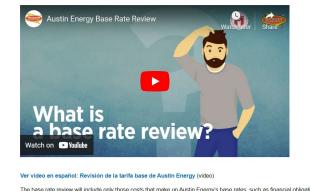
- All Rate Review documents are filed on the City Clerk's website
  - Procedural Guidelines and Schedule
  - Testimony and Rebuttals
  - All Briefings
- ATXN Videos of Hearings
- AE's Public-facing Rate Review Website
  - https://austinenergy.com/ae/rates/2022-base-rate-review

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About			240	8/18/2022	TIEC	TIEC's Letter to IHE - 4:47 PM	
Services		Office of the City Clerk	239	8/11/2022	Impartial Hearing Examiner	<b>IHE Vacation Notice</b> - 2:06 PM	
Programs		Austin Energy 2022 Base Rate Review: Documents a Austin Energy is going through a base rate review, which work	238	8/9/2022	Austin Energy	Austin Energy's Closing Brief - 4:25 PM	
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			230	8/1/2022	Austin Energy	Letter regarding EUC meeting - 2:44 PM	
			235	7/28/2022	2WR	<b>2WR's Post Hearing Brief</b> - 4:46 PM	
			234	7/28/2022	TIEC	TIEC Post Hearing Brief - 4:41 PM	

#### 2022 Base Rate Review

Austin Energy policy requires a regular review of the utility's costs and revenues. From this recently completed financial its base electric rates and launched a base rate review process.

Watch this video to learn about Austin Energy's base rate review:



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