



***ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022***

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 4815 Mueller Blvd in Austin, Texas.

Chair Hopkins called the Electric Utility Commission Meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Marty Hopkins, Chair; Dave Tuttle, Vice Chair; Randy Chapman; Cyrus Reed; Cary Ferchill; Kay Trostle; Karen Hadden; Marshall Bowen

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Makenna Jonker

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There was 1 speaker.

- 1. Bo Delp – Fair Shot Texas, spoke about power purchase agreements, bond ratings and Base Rate proposals.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on August 8, 2022.**

The minutes from the meeting of 08/08/2022 were approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Trostle's second on a (9-0) vote with two vacancies.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

The motion to approve recommendations 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 was approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Bowen's second on a (9-0) vote with two vacancies.

The motion to approve recommendation 4 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Vice Chair Tuttle's second on a (7-0-2) vote with Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Reed abstaining and two vacancies.

The motion to approve recommendation 6 was approved on Commissioner Ferchil's motion, Commissioner Bowen's second on a (9-0) vote with two vacancies.

The motion to approve recommendation 8 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (8-0-1) vote with Commissioner Hadden abstaining and two vacancies.

2. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract with iDefender, LLC for license agreement, maintenance, and other services to support North American Electric Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure Protection compliance reporting, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,277,000.
3. Recommend authorizing award of a contract with Hi-Tech Industrial Services, LLC, to provide commercial surface preparation and protective coatings, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.
4. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Altec Inc. to provide customized utility vehicles, for up to 10 years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$65,520,903.
5. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with SMS LLC DBA Security Management to provide inspection, maintenance, small project installations and hosting of the Austin Energy Security systems, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.
6. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of contracts with terms of up to 15 years for capacity and energy with certain Austin Energy customers with on-site backup generation as part of a Resiliency-as-a-Service (RaaS) pilot program, for an aggregate contracted capacity of up to 25 megawatts and estimated annual contracted amount of \$3,375,000.
7. Recommend approving a resolution finding that the property located at 2201 Grove Boulevard, Austin, Texas, is not essential to the maintenance and continued operation of the electric utility, that it is advisable to sell such property, and that such sale will not prevent the City from complying with the conditions of any revenue bond covenants.
8. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract with GE Energy Control Solutions Inc for the purchase and installation of a control system for Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.
9. Recommend authorizing amendments to contracts for polyvinyl chloride conduit and accessories with Texas Electric Cooperatives, Techline Inc, and Wesco Distribution, Inc. dba Hi-Line Utility Supply Co, LLC aka Power Supply to increase the amount by \$370,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,428,663, divided among the contractors.

10. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract with SUBNET Solutions Inc, for software, professional services, training, and enhancements to the current suite of solutions to advance grid modernization, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$3,870,000.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Presentations by Base Rate Review participants on their positions in the Base Rate Review Process.

The EUC heard presentations from Solar and Storage Coalition; 2WR; Paul Robbins; HURF; Data Foundry; TIEC Sierra Club/Public Citizen/Solar United Neighbors; Independent Consumer Advocate; and Austin Energy.

The EUC requested the Austin Energy provide “number runs” with a revenue impact summary for both the ICA and IHE’s recommendations and inside-city residential bill impacts.

12. Discussion of report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.

There was no discussion.

WORKING GROUP UPDATE

13. Update from the Budget & Audit Working Group

The Commission distributed a document of presented principles for EUC members to review and could also be considered when discussing the proposed Base Rate and the EUC recommendation at the October meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were identified.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 17, 2022 meeting on Commissioner Chapman’s motion, Commissioner Reed’s second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioner Hadden absent and two vacancies.