



***ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023***

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 4815 Mueller Blvd in Austin, Texas.

Chair Hopkins called the Electric Utility Commission Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Marty Hopkins, Chair, Dave Tuttle, Vice Chair; Cyrus Reed; Randy Chapman, Kay Trostle, Kaiba White.

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Cyrus Reed

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were 2 speakers.

1. Dale Bulla spoke about electric vehicles and solar.
2. Lanetta Cooper spoke about the February winter storm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING on January 09, 2023.

The minutes from the meeting of 01/09/2023 were approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioners Bowen, Ferchill, Hadden and Jonker absent and one vacancy.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

The motion to approve recommendation 2 failed on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (5-1) vote. The Commissioners voting aye were: Chair Hopkins, Vice Chair Tuttle, Commissioner White, Commissioner Trostle, and Commissioner Reed. The nay vote was Commissioner Chapman.

**The motion to approve recommendations 3-7 was approved on Commissioner Tuttle's motion, Commissioner Trostle's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioners Bowen, Ferchill, Hadden and Jonker absent and one vacancy.**

2. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a Design-Build Agreement with Jingoli Power, LLC for design and construction services for the Brackenridge Gas Insulated Switchgear Substation - Reissue in an amount not to exceed \$33,949,201.00.
3. Recommend authorizing execution of a contract for fault indicators and fiber optic leads, with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,950,000.
4. Recommend authorizing execution of a contract for polyurethane foam backfill and conductive polyurethane foam backfill, with Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc. for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$575,000.
5. Recommend authorizing an amendment to a contract for continued maintenance, repairs and inspections on Bronto Skylift vehicles, with TGM Wind Services, LLC D/B/A Kardie Equipment, for an increase in the amount of \$1,500,000 and to extend the term by five years for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,395,000.
6. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary to acquire an easement for chilled water facilities across Lot 1, Block B, Mueller Section III Subdivision, a subdivision of Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded under Document No. 200500279 of the Official Records of Travis County, Texas, located at 1401 Philomena Street, Austin, Texas, from Philomena Street Investor, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$230,000.
7. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for broker services for Austin Energy with Alliant Insurance Services Inc. d/b/a Alliant Insurance Services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$55,000,000.

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS**

8. Staff briefing of the First Quarter Financial Report by Stephanie Koudelka, Finance Director.

**The presentation was made by Stephanie Koudelka, Finance Director.**

9. Staff briefing of the First Quarter Operations Report by Stuart Reilly, Interim Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer.

**The presentation was made by Stuart Reilly, Interim Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer.**

10. Staff briefing on the recent Base Rate changes by Rusty Maenius, Vice President of Finance.

**The presentation was made by Rusty Maenius, Vice President of Finance.**

11. Staff briefing on the February Winter Storm Event by Stuart Reilly, Interim Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer; Elton Richards, Vice President Electric System Field Operations; Greg Flay, Vice President Technology & Data; and Lisa Martin, Vice President Electric Systems Engineering & Technical Services.

**The presentation was made by Stuart Reilly, Interim Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer; Elton Richards, Vice President Electric System Field Operations; Greg Flay, Vice President Technology & Data; and Lisa Martin, Vice President Electric Systems Engineering & Technical Services**

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

12. Approve the creation of a Budget & Audit working group to provide recommendations on the FY 23/24 Austin Energy budget to the Commission. (Sponsors: Chapman, Trostle, Reed)

**The motion to approve the creation of a Budget & Audit working group to review audits and budgetary matters including the FY 23/24 Austin Energy budget to the Commission. was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioners Bowen, Ferchill, Hadden and Jonker absent and one vacancy.**

13. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023-2024 City of Austin Budget recommendations.

**The commission postponed this item to the April agenda.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

**There was no discussion.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Legislation status update

Value of Solar public participation process to develop a standard offer for local distributed community solar

Questions vegetation maintenance from handout provided from Lanetta Cooper

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m. without objection.**

“The minutes were approved at the April 10, 2023, meeting of the Electric Utility Commission on Commissioner Chapman's motion and Commissioner Reed's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissions Hopkins and Ferchill absent and one vacancy.”