



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, May 8, 2023**

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.

Chair Dave Tuttle called the Electric Utility Commission meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Dave Tuttle, Chair; Kaiba White, Vice Chair; Randy Chapman

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Kay Trostle; Cyrus Reed; Jeremy Seibert; Raul Alvarez

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

The new commissioners were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and what district they represent.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission Regular Meeting on April 10, 2023.

The motion approving the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meeting of April 10, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

The motion to approve recommendation 2-4, 8 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

The motion to approve recommendation 5-7 was approved on Commissioner Tuttle's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

The motion to approve recommendation 9 was approved on Commissioner Tuttle's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (6-0-1) vote with Commissioners Tuttles, Chapman, Seibert, Trostle, Reed and Alvarez voting for, Commissioner White abstaining, Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

2. Recommend authorizing reimbursement of costs to DW CAL 308 Guadalupe, LLC., for the service pipe connection to interconnect the Republic Office Building to the Austin Energy (AE) downtown District Cooling System in an amount not to exceed \$1,412,870.
3. Recommend authorizing award of a multi-term contract to provide pole climbing equipment with Techline Inc for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.
4. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Line Quest, LLC to provide underground utility locating services, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,500,000.
5. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract to provide network transformers with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc, for up to five years, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.
6. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of multi-term contracts with ABC Professional Tree Services; BDG Trees, LLC; Pannell Contracting, LLC; and Sequoias Tree Expert LLC, to provide vegetation management around energized lines, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.
7. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of multi-term contracts with Linetec Services, LLC; Pike Enterprises Inc D/B/A Pike Electric LLC; and Renegade Group, LLC to provide overhead distribution electrical services, each for up to three years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$36,000,000, divided among the contractors.
8. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of contracts with Barrier Fence, LLC; Tony Parent Enterprises, Inc. D/B/A Allied Fence & Security; and Woolery Custom Fence Co to provide high security fencing for one year, in the amount of \$7,000,000.
9. Recommend ratifying additional funding for utility advanced meter infrastructure services with Landis+Gyr Technology Inc., in the amount of \$2,000,000, authorize an amendment for continued services in the amount of \$12,800,000, and extend the term by one year for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$69,977,434.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

10. Staff briefing of the Second Quarter Operations Report by Lisa Martin, Acting Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer.

The presentation was made by Lisa Martin, Acting Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer.

11. Staff briefing of the Second Quarter Financial Report by Stephanie Koudelka, Finance Director.

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12. Staff briefing on the Line Extension Policy and Contributions in Aid of Construction by Rusty Maenius, Vice President of Finance and David Tomczyszyn, Director of Transmission & Distribution Engineering.

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WORKING GROUP UPDATE

13. Update from Budget & Audit Working Group

Discussed the scheduled for their meetings and submitting items for discussion and possible action.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

14. Consider recommendation of a waiver of the term limit to allow Kaiba White to serve as the Electric Utility Commission representative to the Joint Sustainability Committee. (Sponsors: White, Chapman, Tuttle)

The motion to waive the term limit to allow Kaiba White to serve as the Electric Utility Commission representative to the Joint Sustainability Committee was approved on Commissioner Tuttle's motion and Commissioner Chapman's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioner Reed off the dais, Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen, Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

15. Discussion and possible action of a Resolution on Hiring Austin Energy General Manager. (Sponsors: White, Tuttle)

The motion to approve the Resolution on Hiring Austin Energy General Manager was approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion and Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioner Reed off the dais, Commissioners Blackburn, Bowen, Hopkins absent and one vacancy.

The Recommendation can be accessed via this [link](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

There was no discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Drip or Drain

- DC Coupling & Battery behind the meter
- CAP Program
- Annual Report- Commissioner Alvarez asked for a copy
- Priority Setting
- Customer Communication Strategy (Residential & Commercial) and how we talk to customers during severe weather

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. without objection.

“The minutes were approved at the June 12 2023, meeting of the Electric Utility Commission on Commissioner Trostle’s motion and Commissioner Chapman’s second on a (8-0) vote Commissioners Bowen and Hopkins absent and one vacancy.”