

Electric Utility Commission

Creating a Resource Planning Working Group

The Electric Utility Commission of Austin hereby creates a Resource Planning Working Group to develop recommendations, in collaboration with Austin Energy, to update the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan, as directed by the Austin City Council in Resolution 20221201-040.

Scope:

The Resource Planning Working Group will consider a broad update to the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan that addresses the changed or changing conditions referenced in Austin City Council in Resolution 20221201-040. The update will include a more detailed plan to address the retirement of the Fayette coal plant, while also assessing new federal and state funding opportunities for clean energy and energy efficiency and transmission upgrades (including DOE Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing loans), and changes in the ERCOT market structure resulting from recent legislation and rulemaking.

Resource Planning Working Group Membership:

1. The Resource Planning Working Group will include up to a maximum of 20 members, including 5 members of the Electric Utility Commission and 3 members of the Resource Management Commission, with the balance of members coming from the Austin community.
2. The members appointed from the Electric Utility Commission will be responsible for recruiting the balance of membership from the community, in consultation with Austin Energy.
3. Racial and gender diversity will be a strong priority when recruiting the balance of members to the Resource Planning Working Group.
4. The EUC will seek representation from the various customer classes, low-income residents, residential renters and multifamily dwellers on the Resource Planning Working Group.

Resource Planning Working Group Governance and Meeting Practices

1. The members appointed from the Electric Utility Commission will select a chair and vice chair among themselves to coordinate the working group.
2. Meeting agendas and backup materials for Resource Planning Working Group meetings will be posted on a website maintained by the City of Austin at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

3. Meetings will be held beginning in August with an expectation of at least two meetings a month until an update recommendation is completed for consideration by the full Electric Utility Commission no later than January of 2024.
4. Members of the public will be allowed to attend and speak, either in person or remotely, on any related topic for up to three minutes at the start of each meeting. Anyone signed up at the start of the meeting or before the last public speaker has completed their comments may speak, either in person or remotely. The chair and vice chair will be responsible for ensuring that this system is administered effectively.
5. A quorum will be defined as 50% +1 of the appointed number of members.
6. Any member missing two meetings in a row or more than three total meetings, can be replaced [barring extenuating circumstances, as defined for City boards and commission attendance].
7. Decisions of the working group will be made by majority vote when a consensus can't be reached in a timely manner.
8. Minutes will be kept at each meeting, including attendance and the results of any votes, with dissenting and abstaining votes noted, and published publicly in a timely manner (no later than 1 week) after each meeting.