



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, July 10, 2023**

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.

Chair Dave Tuttle called the Electric Utility Commission meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Dave Tuttle, Chair; Kaiba White, Vice Chair; Jonathon Blackburn; Randy Chapman; Cyrus Reed,

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Raul Alvarez; Marshall Bowen; Jeremy Seibert

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There was one speaker under general communications. Paul Robbins spoke about franchise fees.

There were five speakers for agenda item 13; Sophie Beasley, Christian Fogerty, Kamil Cook, Craig Nazor, and Shane Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission Regular Meeting on June 12, 2023.

The motion approving the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meeting of June 10, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Hopkins and Trostle absent and one vacancy.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

The motion to approve recommendations 2, 4, 5 and 7 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins and Trostle absent and one vacancy.

The motion to approve recommendation 3 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Blackburn's second on a (7-0-1) vote with Commissioner White abstaining, Commissioners Hopkins and Trostle absent and one vacancy.

The motion to approve recommendation 6 was approved on Commissioner Blackburn's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-1) vote with Commissioner White against, Commissioners Hopkins and Trostle absent and one vacancy.

2. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Bethany Lutheran Church for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 3701 W Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX 78749, in an amount not to exceed \$250,260.
3. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation for construction projects involving jointly owned transmission infrastructure projects, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000.
4. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for subscription and support services for the electric vehicle charging station network with ChargePoint, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,100,000.
5. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for Infoblox products, maintenance, and services, with CDW LLC d/b/a CDW Government LLC, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.
6. Recommend authorizing amendments to three contracts for gas turbine maintenance with MTU Maintenance Berlin-Brandenburg GmbH d/b/a MTU Maintenance, Transcanada Turbines Inc. d/b/a Transcanada Turbines Ltd, and Wood Group Pratt & Whitney Industrial Turbine Services LLC, to increase the amount by \$11,000,000 and to extend the term by one year for revised total contract amounts not to exceed \$45,000,000, divided among the contractors.
7. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for hosted software for valuing, simulating, and managing Austin Energy's energy portfolio with Ascend Analytics LLC, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,320,000.

STAFF BRIEFINGS& REPORTS

8. Staff briefing on the Transmission Study by Lisa Martin, Acting Deputy General Manager and Chief Operations Officer and Ravikanth Varanasi, PE, Managing Director,1898 & Co. (part of Burns & McDonnell).
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9. Staff briefing on the process of the 2030 Austin Energy Resource, Generation, and Climate Protection Plan by Michael Enger, Director of Energy & Market Operations.
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10. Staff briefing on the 2023 Legislative Session by Tammy Cooper, Senior Vice President of Regulatory, Communications & Compliance.
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WORKING GROUP UPDATE

11. Update from Budget & Audit Working Group
No update provided.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

12. Discussion and possible action for the creation of a Standard Offer for Distributed Solar at Austin Energy working group. (Sponsors: White, Trostle, Reed, Chapman)
There was no discussion.

13. Discussion and possible action for the creation of a Resource Planning Working Group to work with Austin Energy to develop recommendations for updating Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. (Sponsors: White, Reed)

The motion to approve the creation of a Resource Planning Working Group to work with Austin Energy to develop recommendations for updating Austin Energy's Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner White's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Hopkins and Trostle absent and one vacancy.

The Resource Planning Working Group Scope of Work Includes:

The Resource Planning Working Group will consider amendments and updates 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 updates 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:

- The Resource Planning Working Group will include members of the Electric Utility Commission, up to 3 members of the Resource Management Commission, and additional members from the Austin community.**
- 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.**
- Racial and gender diversity will be a strong priority when recruiting the balance of members to the Resource Planning Working Group.**
- The EUC will seek representation from the various customer classes, low-income residents, residential renters and multifamily dwellers on the Resource Planning Working Group.**

14. Discussion and possible action on the Annual Internal Review of the Electric Utility Commission for July 2022 through June 2023.

The chair and vice-chair will work on the report for action next month.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FY 2023/24 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the August 14, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioners Bowen, Trostle and White absent and two vacancies.