



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, September 11, 2023**

The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Monday, September 11, 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; Randy Chapman; Cyrus Reed, Kay Trostle

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely: Kaiba White, Vice Chair; Raul Alvarez; Jeremy Seibert

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

There were two speakers under general communications.

Paul Robbins spoke about Franchise Fees.

Al Braden spoke about the Generation Resource Plan and Working Group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission Regular Meeting on August 14, 2023.

The motion approving the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meeting of August 14, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Chapman's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on an 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blackburn and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS

The motion to approve recommendation 2 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Blackburn and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

The motion to approve recommendation 5 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (6-0-1) vote with Commissioner White abstaining, Commissioners Blackburn and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

The motion to approve recommendations 3,4 and 6-8 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Blackburn and Bowen absent and two vacancies.

2. Recommend authorizing issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the aggregate amounts of \$2,900,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,600,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.
3. Recommend approving issuance of a five-year performance-based incentive (PBI) to Applied Materials, for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility, located at 9700 E US 290 Hwy, Austin, TX 78724, in an amount not to exceed \$2,310,800.
4. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for incident management software licenses and maintenance support with Cority Software, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,350,000.
5. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of three contracts for power plant maintenance services with ProServ Industrial Contractors, LLC, Taurus Industrial Group, LLC, and Thielsch Engineering, Inc., each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$27,000,000, divided among the contractors.
6. Recommend authorizing execution of six contracts for electrical materials with Wesco Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co., LLC, Power Supply Inc., Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., JMR Technology Inc., Graybar Electric Company, Inc., KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., and Techline Inc., each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$8,500,000, divided among the contractors.
7. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for valve repair, replacement, and testing services with Southeast Valve, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.
8. Recommend authorizing execution of six contracts for electrical supplies with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., Techline Inc., Wesco Distribution, Inc. d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co., LLC, Power Supply Inc., Priester-Mell & Nicholson Inc., Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc. d/b/a CED – Austin, and Apfelbaum Industrial Inc., each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$9,000,000, divided among the contractors.
9. Discussion and possible action for the creation of a Standard Offer for Distributed Solar at Austin Energy working group. (Sponsors: White, Trostle, Reed, Chapman)

No action taken.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

10. Staff briefing Council Resolution 20221201-045 relating to solar battery storage, microgrids, and load-shaping technology, by Richard Génécé, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions.

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11. Staff briefing on Council Resolution 20230309-027 relating to fast charging stations for electric vehicles, by Richard Génécé, Vice President of Customer Energy Solutions.
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12. Staff briefing on the Resource Generation Plan Update by Michael Enger, Interim Vice President of Market Operations & Resource Planning.
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WORKING GROUP UPDATE

13. Update from Budget & Audit Working Group
There was no update.

14. Update from the Resource Planning Working Group
Commissioner Reed said the first meeting of the Resource Planning working group would be on September 12 and biweekly on Tuesday's from 3-5 after that. They will be meeting at AEHQ. The working group is made up of 5 EUC members, 5 RMC members and 9 community members. They have a website at www.austinresourceplanning.org They will funnel questions from the working group after their meetings to Amy Everhart who will be coordinating getting responses back to them in a timely manner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. Discussion of report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.
There was no discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Demand Response Program/Process

Green Choice Program Overview

HB1500

Downtown Ramp Down Program

Load Zone Price Separation

Value of dispatchable generation versus low LCOE wind and solar

EV Charging Reliability

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the October 16, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Blackburn's second on a (8-0) vote with Commissioners Bowen and Chapman absent and one vacancy.