



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, November 13, 2023**

**The Electric Utility Commission convened in a Regular Called meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.**

**Chair Dave Tuttle called the Electric Utility Commission meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Dave Tuttle, Chair; Kaiba White, Vice Chair; Cesar Benavides, Randy Chapman, Mick Long, Cyrus Reed, Kay Trostle

**Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

There were four speakers under general communications.

**Dale Bulla spoke about the Fayette coal plant.**

**Shane Johnson spoke about the Resource Generation Plan.**

**Raphael Schwarz spoke about the Fayette coal plant.**

**Nova Jones spoke about the Resource Generation Plan.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission Regular Meeting on October 16, 2023.

**The motion approving the minutes of the Electric Utility Commission meeting of October 16, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The motion to approve recommendations 2, 3, 6-8, 13, 14 were approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

**The motion to table recommendation 4 until the January meeting, was approved on Commissioner White's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

**The motion to approve recommendation 5 was approved on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (7-0-1) vote with Commissioner White voting against, and Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

**The motion to approve recommendations 9-12 were approved on Commissioner White's motion, Commissioner Chapman's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

**The motion to approve recommendation 15 was approved on Commissioner Trostle's motion, Commissioner Reed's second on a (7-0) vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Seibert absent and one vacancy.**

2. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of two contracts for pole inspection and remediation services with Osmose Utilities Services Inc. d/b/a Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., and Constellation Energy Corporation d/b/a Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, each for up to six years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$12,000,000, divided between the contractors.
3. Recommend authorizing execution of a contract for hauling services for heavy electric utility equipment with H. Brown, Inc., for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.
4. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of two contracts for tree growth regulator services with Edko LLC and T&S Growth Solutions, LLC, each for up to three years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$5,000,000, divided between the contractors.
5. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for one-time preventive generator maintenance with Grid Solutions (US) LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000.
6. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for forklift and boom services with MEI Rigging & Crating LLC, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.
7. Recommend authorizing an amendment to a contract for continued service of the UPLAN network management and modeling software, support and subscription services, with LCG Consulting, to increase the amount by \$520,000 and to extend the term by two years for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$2,479,667.
8. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for situational awareness and operational awareness visualization software maintenance, upgrades, and related services with Primate Technologies, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,330,000.
9. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Public Storage Orangeco Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$388,776 and approve issuance of a 5-year

- performance-based incentive to Public Storage Orageco Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,024,185.28, for the installation of solar electric systems on their facilities.
10. Recommend approving issuance of a 5-year performance-based incentive to Starwood Capital Group LLC, for the installation of solar electric systems on their facilities located at 8310 N Capital of Texas Hwy SB 2, Austin, TX 78759 and 5707 Southwest Pkwy 1, Austin, TX 78735, in an amount not to exceed \$770,089.
  11. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Westminster Presbyterian for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 3208 Exposition Blvd., Austin, TX 78703, in an amount not to exceed \$82,215.
  12. Recommend approving issuance of a capacity-based incentive to Westminster Manor for the installation of solar electric systems on their facility located at 4300 Bull Creek Rd. Austin, TX 78731, in an amount not to exceed \$144,936.
  13. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a contract for portable three-phase meter analyzers with Radian Research Inc., for up to two years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$650,000.
  14. Recommend authorizing negotiation and execution of a 12-month membership agreement with two 12-month renewal options with the Electric Power Research Institute for research programs related to electric transportation, energy storage and distributed generation, distributed energy resource integration, and electric grid planning/ operations in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for an overall total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.
  15. Recommend authorizing award and execution of a construction contract with Capital Excavation Company for the East Village Substation project in the amount of \$9,300,601.85 plus a \$1,000,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,300,601.85.

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

16. Staff briefing on the Fourth Quarter Financial Report by Stephanie Koudelka, Finance Director.

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

17. Staff briefing on the Fourth Quarter Operations Report by Lisa Martin, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

**The presentation was made by Lisa Martin, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.**

18. Staff briefing on the Resource Generation Plan Update by Michael Enger, Interim Vice President of Market Operations & Resource Planning.

**The presentation was made by Michael Enger, Interim Vice President of Market Operations & Resource Planning; S. Babu Chakka, Manager of Energy Market Analysis & Resource Planning; Lisa Martin, Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer; and Sara Norris, Director of Energy Efficiency Services.**

## **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

### **19. Update from Budget & Audit Working Group**

**Commissioner Chapman provided an update that the Working group would like to have an action item in January to create a new working group for the FY23/24 budget.**

### **20. Update from the Resource Planning Working Group**

**They have held several meetings, and the next meeting is November 14. Presentations have been made on a variety of topics such as Long Duration Storage, Hydrogen, Local Solar, Demand Response, and Geothermal. They have done a survey to working group members about technologies and goals and whether they can be expanded.**

**In December, they will start making and working on recommendations for the January EUC meeting. They are waiting on some responses to questions that have been asked by the working group.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **21. Discussion of report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC.**

**There was no discussion.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

MBE/WBE Program goal questions/overview

311

CAP

Weatherization

Streetlights

Medically Vulnerable Registry

AE Equity Summit

AE Community Connections Event

Green Building Program

Customer Communication Strategy

AE Community Facing Programs

Awards

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m. without objection.**

The minutes were approved at the January 22, 2024 meeting on Commissioner Reed's motion, Commissioner Tuttle's second on a (6-0) vote with Commissioners Alvarez, Blackburn and Chapman absent and two vacancies.