

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate
3 Protection Plan to 2030 (Plan) commits Austin Energy to continuing to provide
4 affordable, dependable and safe electricity service to residents and businesses
5 while pursuing the City’s climate protection and sustainability goals; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the latest version of the Plan was approved by Council on
7 March 26, 2020; and

8 **WHEREAS**, energy efficiency and demand response initiatives aimed to
9 reduce overall system load and reduce peak demand are critical elements of the
10 Plan; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Plan sets a goal of serving at least 25,000 residential and
12 business customer participants per year for all Customer Energy Solutions
13 programs (Energy Efficiency, Austin Energy Green Building, Demand Response
14 and Solar) with at least 25% of those customers being limited-income customers;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, customers enrolled in demand response programs reduce their
17 energy use during peak times in exchange for a financial incentive paid by Austin
18 Energy; and

19 **WHEREAS**, demand response programs help Austin Energy reduce strain
20 on the electric grid and lower the overall cost of electricity for the entire
21 community; and

22 **WHEREAS**, demand response programs can contribute to grid stability and
23 reliability by reducing energy demands during peak usage times; and

