

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City, utility, and community for all appropriate City of Austin buildings to participate in the Austin Energy Commercial Demand Response Program; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to work with all relevant City departments to include all appropriate City buildings in the Austin Energy Commercial Demand Response Program by December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to engage with all government entities that own or operate buildings in the Austin Energy service area to enroll appropriate buildings in the Austin Energy Commercial Demand Response Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee on progress made toward the goals of this Resolution by September 24, 2024, including a list of City buildings that cannot participate because they are outside the Austin Energy service area.

ADOPTED: _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk