



**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**Resource Management Commission**

**Recommendation No. 20240716-003**

Resolution to Postpone Austin Energy’s Evaluation of Sale of District Chilling System

**WHEREAS**, Austin Energy is proposing to hire a firm to organize the possible sale of its district chilling system; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal was not discussed with community stakeholders in advance of its consideration by the Austin City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is possible that sale of the system could adversely affect peak demand and energy efficiency in over 60 large Austin buildings or building complexes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is possible that this proposal could adversely affect the costs of district chilling customers; and

**WHEREAS**, district chilling did not exist in Austin outside of the University of Texas before the commissioning of Austin Energy’s system; and

**WHEREAS**, the legal ability to sell the system may require a public vote;

**THEN BE IT RESOLVED** that the Resource Management Commission advise the Austin City Council to delay the proposal until it is more thoroughly reviewed by stakeholders in the community.

**Vote:** 7-0

**For:** Commissioner Louis Stone, Chair; Commissioner Paul Robbins, Vice Chair; Commissioner Charlotte Davis; Commissioner Trey Farmer; Commissioner Shane Johnson; Commissioner Chelsey Scaffidi; Commissioner Alison Silverstein

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Off Dais:** Commissioner GeNell Gary

**Absences:** Commissioner Dino Sasaridis

**Vacancies:** District 2 and Mayor’s Office

**Attest:**

Natasha Goodwin, Staff Liaison