

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for a Permanent Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement, consisting of approximately 0.153 acres (6,668 square feet) of land in two parts (3,709 square feet and 2,959 square feet) generally located at 6900 South Interstate Highway 35, Austin, Texas 78745 and being a portion of Lots 1A and 2A, Forrest C. Walker Subdivision, a Subdivision recorded in Book 75, Page 219; and a Temporary Construction Easement, consisting of approximately 0.0734 acres (3,196 square feet) of land generally located at 6940 South Interstate Highway 35, Austin, Texas 78745 and being a portion of Lot 2A Forrest C. Walker Subdivision, a Subdivision recorded in Book 75, Page 219 Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, from Long Real Estate Holdings, LLC. The property is currently appraised at \$556,853, subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

Michael Gates, Financial Services Department, 512-974-5639; Brandon Williamson, Financial Services Department, 512-974-5666; Amy Everhart, Austin Energy, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Elaine Veselka, Austin Energy, VP Electric Systems Engineering and Technical Services, (512) 322-6667; Tina Little, Austin Energy, Director, Electric Systems and Shared Services, (512) 322-6396.

Council Committee, Boards, and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Various structures along the existing circuits 926, 927, 987, and 988 require relocation to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) expansion of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) as part of its I-35 Capital Express program that runs along I-35 from State Highway 71 south to State Highway 45.

The relocation of the circuit adjacent to the properties at 6900 and 6940 South I-35 requires the City to purchase an electric easement across Lots 1A and 2A, Forrest C. Walker Subdivision, a Subdivision recorded in Book 75, Page 219 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas. The City previously acquired a waterline easement across the same property through condemnation in 1986.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed properties at 6900 and 6940 South I-35, Austin, Texas. The City and property owner have been unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal(s), or a Special Commissioners' award.

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for a Temporary Construction Easement, consisting of approximately 0.0703 acres (3,062 square feet) of land generally located at 8309 South Interstate Highway 35, Austin, Texas 78744 (PID 430743) and being out of the Santiago Del Valle Survey No. 24, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 1E Mrs. Rosa J. Spillman Estate, a Subdivision Recorded October 15, 1956, in Book 8, Page 15, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, from Emil E. Spillmann, Stephanie S. Koch & Stacy S. Greene, Charlene W. Spillmann, Charles Douglas Spillmann, Mildred Anne Witt, Carl G. Knape, Luanne Pillsbury Slaughter, Lexine Spillmann, and Sherrill D. Spillmann Oates and the Estate of Richard D. Spillmann. The property is currently appraised at \$20,209, subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's Award.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

Michael Gates, Financial Services Department, 512-974-5639; Brandon Williamson, Financial Services Department, 512-974-5666; Amy Everhart, Austin Energy, Director, Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Elaine Veselka, Austin Energy, VP Electric Systems Engineering and Technical Services, (512) 322-6667; Tina Little, Austin Energy, Director, Electric Systems and Shared Services, (512) 322-6396.

Council Committee, Boards, and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Various structures along the existing circuits 926, 927, 987, and 988 require relocation to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) expansion of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) as part of its I-35 Capital Express program that runs along I-35 from State Highway 71 south to State Highway 45.

The relocation of the circuit adjacent to the property at South I-35, requires the City to purchase a Temporary Construction easement across Santiago Del Valle Survey No. 24, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 1E Mrs. Rosa J. Spillman Estate, a Subdivision Recorded October 15, 1956, in Book 8, Page 15, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at South I-35, Austin, Texas. The City and property owner have been unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal(s), or a Special Commissioners' award.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of three contracts for wood utility poles with Koppers Utility and Industrial Products Inc., Techline Inc., and Texas Electric Cooperatives, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$15,000,000, divided among the contractors.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 1100 EAL3020 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 22, 2024, and closed on June 04, 2024. Of the six offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the best evaluated responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140472

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contracts will provide wood utility poles, an essential component of delivering electricity to customers, carrying power and telecom lines, supporting loads from overhead distribution transformers, aerial conductors, and mounted equipment. AE will utilize these contracts to maintain a ready supply of various sized poles to be by field crews on an as needed basis.

The recommended contractors are not the current providers for these goods.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored Koppers Utility and Industrial Products. Inc., Techline Inc., and Texas Electric Cooperatives as the best to provide these goods based on

price, small business preference, local business preference, concept and strategy, and experience.

A delay in contract approval could impact the City's ability to replace poles impacting energy reliability.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for call center quality monitoring services with The Northridge Group, Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$800,000 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 1100 MLR3015 for these services. The solicitation was issued on March 18, 2024, and closed on April 11, 2024. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the Best Evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140511

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide quality-monitoring services for the Utility Contact Center (UCC) and Austin 311. In an effort to enhance the customer service experience of the call centers, the contractor will assess the existing quality assurance program to identify customer needs, monitor customer satisfaction, and address customer interaction challenges. The contractor will collaborate with Austin Energy to improve the overall quality assurance program by providing recommendations based on evaluations, developing procedural guidelines for call types, and expanding the type of calls being monitored to include outbound calls and escalations.

The services will include evaluation of calls, email, chat, and social media to improve performance. The contractor will utilize speech analytics and other telephony and quality assurance technology to strengthen

analytical insights, as well as utilizing real-time and recorded customer interactions to provide coaching and training solutions that will provide actionable feedback to agents.

The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services for UCC. The new contract expands services to include Austin 311.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored The Northridge Group, Inc. as the best to provide these services based on price proposal, small business preference, local preference, project concept & solution, offeror experience (firm history, prior company experience & references), and personnel qualifications.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for the design and fabrication of steel transmission poles with KBS Electrical Distributors Inc., for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 is available in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued a Request for Proposals solicitation RFP 1100 MEA3010 for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on March 25, 2024, and closed on May 30, 2024. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the best evaluated responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a log of offers received, is available for viewing on the City website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140080

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for the design and fabrication of steel transmission poles to be used for Austin Energy's transmission capital and maintenance projects, ensuring a continuous supply of transmission poles to meet the requirements for new facility installation and maintenance of existing facilities. The purchase of this equipment will be made on an as-needed basis to maintain the reliability of the electrical system. This contract will replace the current contract which expires September 20, 2024.

The recommended contractor was not the previous provider for these goods and services.

An evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the offers and scored KBS Electrical Distributors

Inc. the best to provide these goods and services based on price, technical understanding, production capabilities, and prior experience.

Without this contract, Austin Energy will not be able to complete construction required to maintain the reliability of the electrical system.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for utility advanced metering infrastructure services with Landis+Gyr Technology Inc., for up to ten years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$89,000,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,458,100 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

MBE/WBE:

Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for Landis+Gyr Technology Inc.'s (L+G) advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) services. Austin Energy (AE) utilizes these services to communicate with over 550,000 electric meters installed at residential and commercial facilities. By overseeing all L+G installed communication equipment and AMI technology, L+G provides automated, remote access to installed meters, relieving AE of dispatching technicians to conduct daily meter reads, diagnostics and turn-on/off services. AE operates many of its customer service-driven programs through AMI, as AMI allows customers to access real-time and historical meter read data via the AE app and allows AE to provide outage management support, perform remote meter commands, and obtain diagnostic data used to support theft and diversion protection, meter maintenance, and other related activities.

L+G is the sole provider of the proprietary network and back-office technology operating AE's AMI system. They are also the sole contractor providing the Command Center Head End System, Radio Frequency Network and Meter Reading Services utilizing the existing AMI at AE. Without this contract, AE would be required to manually gather basic meter read data requiring physical examination of meters and their electrical usage and abandon or replace existing system functionality for customer billing, remote outage and restoration notification, remote service switch operation, and diagnostic information used in the service of distribution system health monitoring.

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for crane rental and operation services with GAC Equipment LLC d/b/a Austin Crane Service, for up to three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$500,000 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 1100 MMH1020 for these services. The solicitation was issued on May 6, 2024, and it closed on May 30, 2024. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140453

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide equipment and trained rigger and crane operator personnel to move substation equipment as needed. These services are vital to Austin Energy (AE) as they provide the means to not only build new substations, but to replace aging and damaged equipment. AE is in the process of replacing old 30 MVA transformer units with new 40 MVA units in an effort to meet customer load growth and will be ordering six new 672 MVA auto-transformers in an effort to meet electrical demand while adhering to Austin's zero carbon vision. Currently, AE does not have the equipment nor the trained personnel to lift those transformers and other various switch gears, control houses, and other devices, as each one of these units weighs around 800,000 pounds.

The recommended contractor is a local firm and the current provider of these services.

Without this contract, AE will be unable to upgrade substations to meet customer load demands resulting in a loss of system reliability and an increase in large outages.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a contract for continued hosted software for valuing, simulation, and managing Austin Energy's energy portfolio with Ascend Analytics, LLC, to increase the amount by \$340,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,660,000.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$340,000 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

MBE/WBE:

Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Prior Council Action:

July 20, 2023 – Council approved a contract for hosted software for valuing, simulation, and managing Austin Energy's energy portfolio with Ascend Analytics LLC.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The amendment is due to the 2024 Integrated Resources Generation Plan, in which purchases were made for additional licenses and modeling that were not anticipated when the original authorization request was made. The contract is for hosted software for valuing, simulating, and managing the energy portfolio for Austin Energy. By using real-time variables such as weather, renewable energy generation, electric market spot pricing, and customer load, the software enables Austin Energy to calculate the risk inherent in its power and fuel portfolios. This information results in more informed decision-making regarding risk management activity in the markets Austin Energy participates in. Austin Energy is in need of additional funding on this contract to cover services until the end of the contract in 2028.

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for decommission and removal of District Cooling Plant #4 at Austin Convention Center with Texas Airsystems, LLC d/b/a Texas Airsystems, in an amount not to exceed \$1,597,778.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding for the total contract amount is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

Critical Business Need.

MBE/WBE:

Critical Business Needs are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The modular District Cooling Plant #4 (DCP4) was built in early 2020 on top of the Austin Convention Center (ACC). DCP4 was initially scheduled to be removed in April 2025 after ACC is shut down for demolition. However, ACC recently requested that Austin Energy remove the plant by the end of this year to meet its building demolition schedule. The contractor will decommission and remove the DCP4 and other equipment, including cooling towers, chilled water pumps and piping from the top of ACC. Additionally, the contractor will transport all equipment to Sand Hill Energy Center for temporary storage. To meet ACC's designated two-week window of plant removal between December 18, 2024, and January 1, 2025, Austin Energy needs to have this contract executed before October and start field preparation work no later than middle October 2024.

Due to the time-sensitivity of the project, Austin Energy declared a Critical Business Need to meet the expedited demolition schedule.

The recommended contractor is the same contractor that built DCP4 in 2020.

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for construction services for the Timber Creek Substation project with Bobcat Heavy Civil, LLC, in the amount of \$9,752,169. plus a \$1,000,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,752,169.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Managing Department

Austin Energy.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids IFB 6100 CLMC1048 for these construction services. The solicitation was issued on May 6th, 2024 and it closed on July 18th, 2024. Of the six offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website, . https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140958.

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.28% MBE and 1.47% WBE participation.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department – Central Procurement at: or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9th, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The new Timber Creek Substation will provide the necessary substation capacity to reliably serve the Austin Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) expansion and other new developments in the Southeast Austin service area. Due to the potential for unknown conditions, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project. No public impact is anticipated, all work will be on City property that is not open to the public.

The contract allows 200 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78617 (District 2).

Posting Language

Authorize issuance of rebates for multifamily and commercial customer energy efficiency measures by Austin Energy during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the aggregate amounts of \$3,450,000 for multifamily programs and \$3,300,000 for commercial programs, for a total combined budget amount of \$6,750,000.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$6,750,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Energy Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

September 21, 2023 - Council approved issuance of energy efficiency program rebates during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for multifamily energy efficiency rebates and commercial and small business energy efficiency rebates.

For More Information:

Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Joseph Teng, Manager, Energy Efficiency Services (512) 482-5439

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Sept 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission

Sept 17, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy's energy efficiency rebate programs provide customer incentives to reduce energy demand and associated costs, benefiting all electric utility customers and the utility. Aggregate authority for the issuance of rebates has been requested and approved in FY2020 thru FY2024. This authorization will allow Austin Energy to continue to issue rebates to multifamily, commercial, and small business customers during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY2025) for energy efficiency improvements in accordance with program guidelines and up to a combined amount of \$6,750,000.

The aggregate rebate approval request reflects our continued commitment to be responsive and flexible to customer needs by reducing the wait time needed to be reimbursed for energy efficiency upgrades. Multifamily customers will receive an average of three upgrades per unit (e.g., smart thermostats, lighting, solar screens, HVAC tune-up, etc.), helping to reduce their energy costs. The aggregate approval ensures program continuity by assuring that contractors and property managers/owners will receive rebate funding promptly after work has been completed

As per current practice, Austin Energy will continue to post a monthly project pipeline report with the meeting materials for the Resource Management Commission. This report provides: 1) a high-level summary of the total program pipeline; 2) detailed summary table of all active projects expected to exceed the FY2025 City Manager's spending authority; and 3) detailed project summaries that include customer information, energy efficiency upgrades installed, expected savings, and other relevant data. The annual customer rebate cap will remain at \$300,000 pursuant to Resolution 20140807-006.

Posting Language

Authorize issuance of commercial and multifamily solar incentives during Fiscal Year 2024-2025, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for customer-sited commercial solar installations and \$3,000,000 for customer-sited multifamily installations, for a total combined budget amount of \$7,000,000.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$7,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Energy Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:**For More Information:**

Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Tim Harvey, Manager, Customer Renewable Solutions (512) 587-2138

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Sept 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission

Sept 17, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of the Austin Energy solar incentives is to expand adoption of customer-sited solar. The Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) solar program offers commercial customers payments based on the metered solar production of their approved PV system for the first 5 years of operation. The Austin Energy Solar Capacity-Based Incentive (CBI) Programs support solar installations via a one-time, upfront rebate payment.

These programs advance the stated goals of expanding locally-sited solar, carbon reduction, and resiliency. The authorization of aggregate authority for the issuance of solar incentives will allow Austin Energy to continue to issue solar incentives to multifamily, commercial, and small business customers during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY2025) for customer-sited solar installations in accordance with program guidelines and up to a combined amount of \$7,000,000. This aggregate rebate approval request reflects our continued commitment to be responsive and flexible to customer needs by reducing the wait time needed to apply.

Austin Energy staff will provide the Resource Management Commission with a monthly report that summarizes activity for the solar commercial and solar multifamily programs (applications in queue, installations in progress, projects completed). For all projects that will exceed the FY2025 City Manager's spending authority in rebate payments, the report will also include measures installed, expected savings, and other relevant data.

Posting Language

Approve issuance of capacity-based incentives to Eanes Independent School District, for installation of solar electric systems on their facilities located at 3301 Pinnacle Road, 1110 Westbank Drive, 4100 Westbank Drive, 1203 S Capital of Texas HWY NB, 6401 Cedar Street, 601 Camp Craft Road, 4100 Westbank Drive, 1314 Patterson Road, 9201 Scenic Bluff Drive, in an amount not to exceed \$2,725,127.

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,725,127 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Energy Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

August 29, 2024- Council approved issuance of capacity-based incentives to Eanes Independent School District, for installation of solar electric systems on their facilities located at 2 Walsh Tarlton Lane, 304 Camp Craft Road, 1300 Walsh Tarlton Lane, 1201 S Capital of Texas HWY NB.

For More Information:

Amy Everhart, Director Local Government Issues (512) 322-6087; Tim Harvey, Customer Renewable Solutions Manager (512) 482-5386.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

September 17, 2024 – To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Energy requests approval to issue these capacity-based incentives (CBI) to the Customer for the installation of solar electric systems at their facilities to produce renewable energy for on-site consumption. The table below provides a summary of the combined system sizes, costs, proposed incentives, and environmental benefits:

Solar System Details*	
Total System Size (kW-DC)	3,809
Total System Size (kW-AC)	3,162
Annual Estimated Production (kWh)	5,590,868
Total System Cost (\$)	\$6,928,832
Total Incentive (\$)	\$2,725,127
Percent of Cost Covered	40%
Environmental Benefits** and Emission Reduction Equivalencies***	
Reduction of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) in tons	2,499
Reduction of Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) in pounds	2,795
Reduction of Nitrogen Oxide (NOX) in pounds	3,914
Equivalency of Vehicle Miles Driven	5,798,145
Equivalency of Cars on Austin Roadways	540
Equivalency of Trees Planted	37,486
Equivalency of Forest Acreage Added	2,647

*All solar equipment meets Austin Energy program requirements

** Environmental Benefits based on the [US Energy Information Association's state-wide electricity profile](#)

*** According to the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)'s Greenhouse Gas Equivalency Calculator](#)

Eanes Independent School District (ISD) is comprised of seven elementary schools, two middle schools, four high schools, and one adult transition services program. Eanes ISD serves approximately 7,800 students.

Proposed Solar Projects							
Site Address	Incentive Rate (\$/W)	System Cost	Austin Energy Incentive	Generation kWh/yr	System Size kW DC	System Size kW AC	Energy Offset
3301 Pinnacle Rd West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$252,315	\$115,640	211,372	145	120	50%
1110 Westbank Dr West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$259,053	\$118,728	214,199	148	123	101%
4100 Westbank Dr West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$451,078	\$206,736	382,260	258	214	80%
1203 S Capital of Texas Hwy NB West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$922,239	\$358,512	656,598	448	372	100%
6401 Cedar St Austin, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$837,267	\$383,732	716,912	480	398	89%
601 Camp Craft Rd West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$840,365	\$385,152	713,486	481	400	76%
4100 Westbank Dr West Lake Hills, TX 78746	\$0.80	\$902,654	\$385,542	746,210	517	429	53%
1314 Patterson Rd Austin, TX 78733	\$0.80	\$1,101,714	\$385,542	800,089	551	457	100%
9201 Scenic Bluff Dr Austin, TX 78733	\$0.80	\$1,362,146	\$385,542	1,149,742	780	648	100%

The purpose of the Austin Energy Solar PV CBI Program is to expand adoption of solar by nonprofit organizations by helping to offset the capital investment. Under this program, customers who qualify as nonprofit entities are eligible to receive \$0.80/W-DC up to \$385,542 per interconnection. Per program guidelines, the installation is expected to continue producing for a minimum of 20 years or may be subject to repay the incentive at a pro-rated amount if it stops producing for any reason short of the stated minimum.

This project will advance the stated goals of expanding locally sited solar, carbon reduction, and resiliency.

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Cap Ex South, CKT987&1031 Structure Relocation 2021 project for the public use of relocating transmission electric structures and line to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation's expansion of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35), requiring the acquisition of a Permanent Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement, consisting of 0.181 acres (7,884 square feet) of land generally located at Foremost Drive, Austin, Texas 78745 and being out of the William Cannon League Survey No. 19, Abstract No. 6, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 2, Foremost Lot 2, conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, Document No. 2018031037 Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, from OH Foremost, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership. The property is currently appraised at \$14,980 and is subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is OH Foremost, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership. The property is located at 00 Foremost Drive, Austin, TX 78745. The general route of the project is along I-35 from State Highway 71 south to State Highway 45.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards, and Commission Action:

September 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

Various structures along the existing circuits 926/927, 987, and 988 require relocation to accommodate the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) expansion of Interstate Highway 35 (I-35) as part of its I-35 Capital Express program. TxDOT's I-35 Capital Express South project runs along I-35 from State Highway 71 south to SH-45.

The relocation of the circuit adjacent to the property at Foremost Drive requires the City to purchase an electric easement across William Cannon League Survey No. 19, Abstract No. 6, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 2, Foremost Lot 2, conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, Document No. 2018031037 Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at Foremost Drive, Austin, Texas. The City and property owner have been unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal(s), or a Special Commissioners' award.

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a Permanent Electric Transmission and Distribution Easement, consisting of approximately 0.0330 acres (1,438 square feet) of land generally located at 8601 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78745 and being out of the William Cannon League Survey No. 19, Abstract No. 6, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 1, Block A, Oaks at Slaughter, a Subdivision recorded in Document No. 201900203 Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, from CL Oaks at Slaughter TX, LP in an amount not to exceed \$80,429.

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Council Committee, Boards, and Commission Action:

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The relocation of the circuit adjacent to the property at 8601 S. Congress Avenue requires the City to purchase an electric easement across William Cannon League Survey No. 19, Abstract No. 6, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of Lot 1, Block A, Oaks at Slaughter, a Subdivision recorded in Document No. 201900203 Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas.

An independent, third-party appraisal was procured to establish the fair-market valuation of the proposed acquisition. The appraisal supports the purchase price of \$80,429.

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider proposed terms, rate and fee changes for Austin Energy – Solar Standard Offer Rider – Solar Integrator; High Load Factor Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW); and High Load Factor Transmission Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20 MW).

Lead Department

Austin Energy

Fiscal Note

The Solar Standard Offer Rider is funded through the Power Supply Adjustment.

Prior Council Action:**For More Information:**

Amy Everhart, Director, Local Government Relations (512) 322-6087; Russell Maenius, Sr. VP and Chief Financial Officer, (512)-322-6133.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Sept 9, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

Sept 17, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

If the Solar Standard Offer Rider is approved, the Standard Offer Program will allow Austin Energy to procure locally sited solar generation at market-based rates and increase the Community Solar generation portfolio through a standardized and streamlined approach with pre-established project criteria and published energy value. This method allows developers of solar installations to have price transparency which enables them to obtain financing, engage potential host customers, identify viable projects, and meet project criteria set by Austin Energy. Through the Standard Offer Program, Austin Energy will purchase the production at a value equal to the avoided costs of energy and transmission expenses.

Through the Standard Offer Program customers who may not have normally moved forward with solar projects due to split incentives between a building owner and a customer paying for utilities will now have a new opportunity through direct compensation for ahead of the meter interconnections.

The Community Solar program increases solar access while helping Austin Energy achieve our local solar goals. The Standard Offer Program is designed to facilitate the expansion of the Community Solar Portfolio.

In addition, in support of customer-sited, third-party owned renewable energy, Austin Energy is proposing the removal of the maximum capacity limits for on-site renewable generation associated with High Load Factor Primary Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW) and High Load Factor Transmission Voltage (Demand greater than or equal to 20,000 kW) rate schedules. This change to the tariff language means that customers in these rate categories can build larger on-site renewable generation, if desired.