



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Bob Kahn, General Manager, Austin Energy *BK*

**DATE:** October 29, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 20240404-039, update on Demand Response program enrollment

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I want to share with you an update on the enrollment of eligible City of Austin facilities in Austin Energy's Commercial Demand Response (DR) program as directed by [City Council Resolution 20240404-039](#).

In coordination with the Building Services Department, Austin Energy is working with City departments to evaluate and enroll eligible buildings into the Commercial DR program. Through an initial review by a third-party implementation vendor, the DR and Technical Services Team identified a total of 252 City of Austin additional facility accounts to be enrolled in the program. The program achieved an average DR event performance of 16.7 Megawatts of electric load reduction in 2023. The addition of new City of Austin accounts is expected to increase that performance by 30%.

We have completed Departmental kick-off meetings and expect to complete facility assessments by the end of November. Austin Energy will continue to engage the third-party vendor to perform site-specific evaluations and energy assessments at the enrolled properties and is on track to enroll all eligible properties by December 31, 2024. The largest number of participants in the program will likely be from Austin Public Library, Aviation, Parks and Recreation and Austin Water.

As requested in the Resolution, the following table lists the City buildings that are ineligible for participation because they are outside the Austin Energy service area.

Facility	Electric Utility
Fire station 41	Bluebonnet Electric Co-op
Fire stations 38	Pedernales Electric Co-op
Fire stations 43	Pedernales Electric Co-op
Fire stations 46	Pedernales Electric Co-op
Mounted Patrol	Bluebonnet Electric Co-op
Summit Water Quality Lab	Oncor/Green Mountain Energy
Infinity Park warehouse	Bluebonnet Electric Co-op

Through the close collaboration and support of the Building Services Department, other City Department leadership, and our third-party vendor, this initiative will provide tangible benefits for the Austin community and support city-wide engagement with these opportunities to improve affordability, sustainability, and resiliency.

If you should have any questions, please contact me via email at [bob.kahn@austinenergy.com](mailto:bob.kahn@austinenergy.com) or by phone at 512-322-6002.

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