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**Item(s) from Council**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No 27**

**Subject** Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a study in cooperation with Texas Gas Service to determine what functions could be combined with Austin Energy to reduce overall costs, such as fuel purchasing, billing, meter installation, reading and repair, customer service, connecting and disconnecting service, and, provide the results of the study to the City Council on or before September 19, 2007

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Material**

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**Resolution**

**For More Information** Andy Moore

**RESOLUTION NO.**

WHEREAS, it is the goal of energy-related utilities to provide reasonable costs to their customers, and

WHEREAS, Texas Gas Service and Austin Energy are the main energy providers in the Austin area, and

WHEREAS these two institutions have similar functions that might be combined to lower costs for both utilities, and

WHEREAS, soaring fuel costs provide additional incentive for both utilities to work together to lower average bills, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That Austin Energy conduct a study in cooperation with Texas Gas Service to determine what functions could be combined to reduce overall costs, such as fuel purchasing, billing, meter installation, reading and repair, customer service, and connecting and disconnecting service, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the results of this study be made public no later than 6 months after the date of the passage of this resolution

**ADOPTED:** , 2007      **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A Gentry  
City Clerk