

**RESOLUTION NO. 20070308-027**

**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 presented to Council no later than December 20, 2007.

**ADOPTED:** March 8, 2007

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk