

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

**Austin Energy  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 2**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$95,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO); and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$95,000 for the design and implementation of an ENERGY STAR® Refrigerator Replacement/Recycling Program for Austin Housing Authority public housing properties.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Jerrel Gustafson, Manager, Power Saver Program / 482-5387.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission and the Resource Management Commission.

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This requested budget amendment, in conjunction with a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), will provide funding from SECO to Austin Energy for the design and implementation of an ENERGY STAR® Appliance Replacement/Recycling Program for public housing properties. Austin Energy will partner with SECO to offer an Appliance Replacement Partnership Program primarily targeting low-income public housing in Austin, Texas. The purpose of this project is to develop a program that can be utilized and duplicated by other utilities within the State of Texas. The emphasis of the program would be the replacement/recycling of approximately 329 old, inefficient refrigerators. Austin Energy would target public housing managed by the Austin Housing Authority (AHA) within the Austin Energy service area.

Austin Energy will solicit a third party vendor for the purchase and delivery of new ENERGY STAR® labeled refrigerators. All replaced appliances would be completely recycled under an existing third-party vendor contract. The recycling of all appliances replaced by the program would assure an estimated 239,512 kWh of energy savings per year and 32.57 kWh of peak demand savings.

The establishment of a partnership between Austin Energy, SECO, and the Austin Housing Authority to offer ENERGY STAR® labeled appliances to program participants, would promote the efficient use of energy in low income housing and encourage residential involvement in energy conservation efforts. Through the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement, Austin Energy, SECO, and Austin Housing Authority will share a joint mission to maximize energy efficiency while protecting the environment.