

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Austin Energy  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget Ordinance #20060911-001 and appropriate \$318,000 provided through an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the design and implementation of an ENERGY STAR® Appliance Replacement/Recycling Program for public housing properties owned by the Austin Housing Authority and households occupied by low-income customers.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

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

**For More Information:** Jerrel Gustafson, Power Saver Program - Manager 512/482-5387.

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

**Prior Council Action:** \$212,000 is available in the 2006 -2007 Operating Budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentive Budget of Austin Energy.

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The contract will provide funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to for the design and implementation of an ENERGY STAR® Appliance Replacement/Recycling Program for public housing properties and low-income single family residences. Austin Energy proposes a partnership with TCEQ to offer a appliance replacement partnership primarily targeting low-income public housing and low-income single family residences in Austin, Texas. The purpose of this project is to develop/design 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 300 old, inefficient refrigerators, 330 old, inefficient window air conditioners, 100 old, inefficient dishwashers, and 100 old, inefficient clothes washers. Austin Energy would target public housing managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (AHA) and low-income single family residences within the Austin Energy electric service area.

Austin Energy will solicit a third party vendor for the purchase and delivery of new ENERGY STAR labeled appliances. 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 2,270,678 kWh of energy savings per year and 640 kW of peak demand savings.

The establishment of a partnership between Austin Energy, TCEQ 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 this interlocal agreement Austin Energy, TCEQ will share a joint mission “to protect our state's human and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development and a goal of clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste”.