Thursday, August 30, 2007

Austin Energy RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 4

Subject: Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$114,530.40 to TRAMMEL CROW CO., Austin, TX, for the installation of high efficiency air conditioning equipment and a reflective roof coating at their Research Park Place office building located at 12515 Research Blvd.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Conservation Rebates and Incentive Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Fred Yebra, P.E., Director, Demand-Side Management, at 482-5305 or Jerrel Gustafson, Process Manager, at 482-5387.

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

Austin Energy requests authorization to issue a rebate in the amount of \$114,530.40 for the installation of high efficiency air conditioning equipment and a reflective roof coating in accordance with the City of Austin's Commercial New Construction Rebate Program guidelines. The program is one element of Austin Energy's comprehensive Energy Resource Plan approved in December 2003 by the Austin City Council.

Research Park Place is an office building located at 12515 Research Blvd. The demand kW savings associated with this project is estimated at 290.50kW, at a program cost of \$394 per kW. The high efficiency air conditioning and the reflective roof coating installed as part of this energy efficiency upgrade are estimated to provide yearly energy kWh savings of 386,678 kWh.

The City of Austin will not exceed the stated rebate offer of \$114,530.40 should the final installed measures be eligible for a higher rebate at the time of the final inspection due to changes in the quantity or the installed efficiency of eligible equipment.