Thursday, December 13, 2007

## Austin Energy RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

**Subject:** Approve an Ordinance amending Ordinance 20070910-003, the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy by accepting and appropriating Program Income donated by Clean Cities participants in the amount of \$40,000 for administration of the Central Texas Clean Cities Program for a total program income of \$84,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from Clean Cities participants.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Fred Blood, Air Quality Manager / 482-5340.

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

**Prior Council Action:** 4/14/94 – Council Resolution established City of Austin as a member of a regional Clean Cities program; 9/26/02 - Council authorized appropriation of \$14,000 in Program Income; 01/30/03 –Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the Clean Cities Program, and appropriated Program Income of \$10,000 donated by Clean Cities participants; 11/04/04 – Council authorized acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$17,500 to continue the Clean Cities Program, and appropriated Program Income of \$20,000 donated by Clean Cities participants.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) created the Clean Cities program in an effort to create local public/private partnerships to promote the use and purchase of alternative fuels by increasing public awareness. At the request of the DOE and the State of Texas Energy Conservation Office (SECO), the City of Austin is the administrator and fiduciary agent for the Central Texas Clean Cities Program.

In addition to increasing public awareness, the City is responsible for recruiting stakeholders for the Central Texas Clean Cities Coalition from the federal government, local governments and the private sector. The United States has 90 Clean Cities coalitions, six of which are in Texas. The Central Texas Clean Cities (CTCC) coalition includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties and Ft. Hood in Killeen Texas.

This program income will be used to continue to fund the Clean Cities program. Approval of this budget amendment does not obligate or prohibit the City from funding the program in future years.