

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 3**

Subject: Approve a three-year membership with POWER ACROSS TEXAS, Austin, TX, a non-profit organization, to partner with Austin Energy in providing research and analysis to advance environmentally sound approaches for ensuring reliable power supplies at the lowest possible price for all Texans in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 over three years.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$25,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining \$50,000 is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

For More Information: Roger Duncan, Deputy General Manager, 322-6157.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on December 17, 2007.

Austin Energy is seeking approval to join the Austin-based non-profit, Power Across Texas, which was founded to advance environmentally sound approaches for ensuring reliable power supplies at the lowest possible price for all Texans by informing the public with objective, well-documented research and analysis. Of particular interest to Austin Energy, Power Across Texas has commissioned the University of Texas and its resources within the Center for International Energy & Environmental Policy, the Jackson School of Geosciences and the Department of Mechanical Engineering, to develop an economic model to identify, gather, analyze and demonstrate the Texas specific (ERCOT and non-ERCOT) cost and benefit tradeoffs inherent in different portfolio models of fuel mixes.

As a Power Across Texas member, Austin Energy will have access, input and insight to this University of