

AGENDA



Thursday, April 24, 2008

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

Subject: Approve a three-year membership with CLEAN TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION, Cambridge, MA, a non-profit organization, to partner with Austin Energy in providing technology assessments, identification of best practices, marketing and policy support in an amount not to exceed \$195,000 over three years.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$65,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining \$130,000 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, General Manager, 322-6157.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on April 21, 2008.

Austin Energy (AE) is seeking approval to join the non-profit Clean Technology and Sustainable Industries Organization (CTSI), whose mission is to advance the commercialization and global adoption of clean technologies and sustainable industry practices. With Austin Energy joining as an Executive Founding Member, CTSI will locate their headquarters in Austin. AE will also receive leadership and policy participation positions on CTSI's Executive and Advisory Boards.

As a CTSI Executive Founding Member, Austin Energy will receive a number of benefits, including an annual identification of global best practices in strategic areas of energy, environment and climate management. For example, the 2008 report will focus on the areas of transportation, green construction and building, distributed electricity generation, GHG reduction, water/energy management and industrial energy efficiency. CTSI will also provide AE with an annual technology assessment report detailing key innovations. The 2008 report will focus on smart-grid, GHG reduction in transportation, renewable energy and energy efficiency. CTSI will also assist AE with specific policy objectives at the national level, offer marketing recognition and discounted conference and exhibit pricing, and provide targeted clean technology company identification for local recruitment efforts.