

## AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Austin Energy  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 4**

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a 15-month Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs, Austin, TX, to conduct for Austin Energy a 2008-2009 Policy Research Project on the topic of "Steps to Develop a Sustainable Municipal Electric Utility" in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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

**For More Information:** Jeff Vice, Director, Local Government Issues 322-6087.

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

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Austin Energy (AE) is seeking approval of the Interlocal Agreement, "Sponsored Research Agreement No. UTA08-400" for the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs (UTLBJ) to provide a 2008-2009 Policy Research Project on the topic of "Steps to Develop a Sustainable Municipal Electric Utility."

The deliverables will include a final report covering the following subjects: the concept of a "sustainable" utility; the concept of a zero carbon footprint; AE's current carbon footprint; Austin's future demand for energy; future energy sources; future energy efficiency and conservation opportunities; Austin's sustainability in 2020 as measured by carbon footprint; and recommendations and plan for implementation. The final report is envisioned as a Sustainable Energy Roadmap for Austin, identifying the steps AE could take between 2009 and 2025 to eliminate its carbon footprint.

AE will facilitate access to appropriate information, data and personnel for the group of approximately 15 select graduate students at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, who will be under the supervision of David Eaton, Ph.D. and Bess Harris Jones, Centennial Professor of Natural Policy Studies. AE and the non-profit organization Solar Austin will share funding of the project to provide resources for logistics, travel, technical services, research assistance, a public input process, editing, printing and other related activities.