

AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Greater Austin Performing Arts Center, Inc., d/b/a The Long Center for Austin Energy to purchase and install electrical equipment and infrastructure to provide power sources for outside events.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$89,000 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.

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Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on June 16, 2008.

Prior Council Action: Authorization for amendment of the lease with the Long Center last authorized on April 7, 2005.

This agreement will allow Austin Energy to install electrical equipment and infrastructure to the west and central terrace at the Long Center, to provide power for outside events such as the annual 4th of July celebration. Access to a permanent power source will alleviate safety concerns associated with having wires and extension cords in a high-foot traffic area, where an orchestra would be playing for example. In addition, a permanent power source will enable the venue to avoid the use of diesel generators and their related emissions, noise and odors. Once the project is complete, the Long Center will have a safer and cleaner environment for the public to enjoy outside events.

The design and installation of the requested circuitry will include oversized wiring and specialized equipment to meet the standards associated with theatrical uses. Austin Energy estimates that the total cost under the proposed agreement for materials will be approximately \$89,000. Austin Energy will return to Council for authorization to purchase any specific project materials that exceed the City Manager's authorized spending limit.