

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

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

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Austin Energy Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to decrease the Austin Energy Operating Fund Ending Balance by \$1,230,947 to fund an increase of \$1,230,947 in total operating requirements for the addition of two new full time equivalent positions and associated expenses for \$230,947 and a \$1,000,000 increase in the Transfer to Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund and also amend the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund for a \$1,000,000 increase in Transfer from the Austin Energy Operating Fund and increase appropriations for Electric Rebates and Incentives by \$1,000,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,230,947 is available from the ending balance of the Austin Energy Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Fund.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Prior Council Action: September 8, 2008 - Approved Budget Ordinance 20080908-002; November 6, 2008 - Approved Energy Conservation Audit and Disclosure Requirement Ordinance 20081106-047 and Energy Efficiency Resolution 110608-048.

On November 6, 2008, Council approved Ordinance 20081106-047 adding a new Chapter 6-7 to the City Code relating to energy conservation audit and disclosure requirements, incorporating recommendations from the Energy Efficiency Retrofits Task Force, to be effective June 1, 2009. This recommends additional Council action to fund program implementation of these new requirements.

Austin Energy will develop the policies, processes and procedures for demonstrating compliance with Ordinance 20081106-047 and make available certain enhanced rebates to encourage property owners to undertake energy efficiency upgrades to meet the goals of this program.

This budget amendment totaling \$1,230,947 will fund two full time equivalent (FTEs) positions to augment existing staff and includes a \$1,000,000 increase in residential and commercial rebates. The increase in rebates will require an additional \$1,000,000 transfer from the Austin Energy Operating Budget to the Conservation Rebates and Incentives Fund.

Austin Energy has sufficient funding in the ending balance of its Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget for this \$1,230,947 amendment.