

AGENDA



Thursday, April 2, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Authorize execution of a supplemental agreement to the professional services agreement with WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., Austin, TX for engineering design and bid phase services for the Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,959,281.50 for a total contract not to exceed \$2,609,004.59.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,959,281.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) 6.43% MBE and 2.04% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

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

Prior Council Action: February 28, 2008 – Council approved professional service agreement with Weston Solutions, Inc.

The retirement of the Holly Street Power Plant ("Holly") met goals set by the City Council and Austin Energy in the early 1990's to retire the plant at the earliest practical date, due to its location within a residential neighborhood that has increased in density over the 47-year life of the facility. Holly's four generating units were completed between 1960 and 1974 and were gas fired units with fuel oil back-up capabilities. Holly units 1 and 2 ceased operations in October 2004 and units 3 and 4 ceased operations in September 2007.

In February 2008, Austin Energy contracted with Weston Solutions, Inc. to provide engineering services for decommissioning the plant and plant related structures, and to prepare the site for future use. Phase 1, the planning/preliminary engineering phase that included site evaluation, plan development, a project implementation plan, cost estimates, and other items, has been completed. Approval of Phase 2 services for the decommissioning and demolition design and bidding phase services is now being requested. Phase 3 services associated with the construction oversight of the decommissioning and demolition activities will follow upon completion of Phase 2.

This authorization provides for Weston Solutions, Inc.'s development of plans and specifications, and participation in the bidding and award process for selection of the deconstruction contractor.

