

AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

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

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with The University of Texas at Austin for the granting of a 0.814 acre electric utility easement across the undeveloped portion of its property located on Montopolis Drive in Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$53,300.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Judy Fowler, Public Involvement & Real Estate, 322-6107

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

Prior Council Action: February 1, 2007 – Approved purchase of property for Austin Energy's relocation of the Energy Control Center at 322 West Avenue to 2500 Montopolis Drive; January 15, 2009 - Approved road easement and construction; March 5, 2009 – Approved construction manager-at-risk contract.

In 2007, Austin Energy purchased a building at 2500 Montopolis Drive for the relocation of the Energy Control System from its current 301 West Avenue location. The new "System Control Center" or SCC will house equipment necessary for storm restoration and outage control and will require the most reliable electric service possible. Austin Energy plans to cross property owned by The University of Texas (UT) to deliver underground electric service from the Grove Substation at 2706 Montopolis Drive to the SCC. Because of the number of other facilities in the right of way on Montopolis and on the SCC property, the underground ductbank must be placed on UT's property.

Austin Energy received an appraisal in the amount of \$53,300 for the acquisition of this underground electric easement from UT.