

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Climate Protection Plan adopted by City Council in 2007 established the goal of increasing solar energy in Austin to 100 MW of capacity by 2020; and

WHEREAS, an increased number of solar installations on Austin rooftops may help reduce the need for additional investments in more expensive, large-scale generation facilities; and

WHEREAS, Austin Energy has operated a very successful solar rebate program for five years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin supports the development of businesses and jobs related to the ‘green collar economy’; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

As Austin Energy continues to re-evaluate its business model and programs to reflect changes in market conditions and external factors, the City Manager is directed to work with the Electric Utility Commission, the Resource Management Commission and other industry and consumer stakeholders to:

1. Examine options for continuing to make rebates available to more customers for the current fiscal year, and

2. Ensure that Austin Energy's solar programs continue to thrive in future fiscal years even under rapidly changing market conditions, and
3. Establish clear guidelines for communicating any solar rebate level changes to all stakeholders.

The City Manager should report back to City Council by November 19th, 2009; including any necessary budget amendments.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk