

AGENDA



Thursday, February 4, 2010

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

Subject: Authorize the acquisition of a 2.96 acre permanent electric easement from Sun Communities Texas LP, out of the Alexander Walters Survey Number 67, Abstract Number 791, Travis County, Texas, located on Killingsworth Lane, for construction of the 138 kV Gilleland to Techridge Transmission Line Project, in an amount not to exceed \$80,842.80.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Sonny Poole, Acting Manager - Public Involvement and Real Estate, 322-6442.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission. Related to Item #8.

Austin Energy must acquire 100-foot wide electrical easements for the construction of a 138 kV transmission circuit for the Gilleland to Techridge Transmission Line. The new transmission line is needed to deliver reliable electric service to meet a growing demand. During the past several summers, the Austrop Substation in East Austin has experienced increasingly greater electric loads. This new transmission line will relieve the overburden on the Austrop Substation by sharing load with the Gilleland and Techridge Substations. A remedial, but temporary action plan has been developed to alleviate potential overloading at the Austrop Substation to continue providing reliable electric service to Austin Energy customers. The construction of the new Gilleland to Techridge 138 kV transmission circuit will provide a permanent solution to the overloading problem.

An independent third party appraisal has established the fair market value of the proposed easement. The owner has agreed to accept Austin Energy's offer for the permanent electric easement.