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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10736	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	11/10/2011	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to a legal services agreement with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, for services relating to Austin Energy wind power purchase agreements in the amount of \$52,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$104,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Austin Energy General Fund.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Austin Energy previously entered into a legal services agreement with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, under the City Manager's administrative authority for assistance in negotiating a recent group of Council-approved wind power purchase agreements for nearly 600 megawatts of coastal-wind capacity. Complexities and negotiation stances that arose with these agreements – particularly with respect to completion risk, transmission congestion risk, and purchase options – have required substantially more attorney hours than initially expected to evaluate and resolve, which this amendment will serve to fund. These contracts will form a significant portion of Austin Energy's renewable energy portfolio and greatly assist the utility in meeting the Council's 35% target.