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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	20649	Agenda Number	77.
Meeting Date:	12/6/2012		Department:	Austin Energy	
Subject					
Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the following easements for the construction of the 345 kV Austrop to Dunlap Transmission Line Project: an approximately 1.779 acre tract of land and an approximately 2.342 acre tract of land out of the James Gilleland Survey No. 13, Abstract No. 12, Travis County, Texas, in the amounts of \$19,213 and \$25,294 respectively. The owner of the needed property interest is Beard & Beard Investments, LP. The general route of the project runs west from the Austrop Substation located on Blake-Manor Road to the Dunlap Substation under construction east of Taylor Lane. The easements being acquired run along and parallel to the north and south sides of an existing City of Austin electric transmission easement.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.					
Fiscal Note					
A fiscal note is attached.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	November 8, 2012 – Approved two resolutions authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings to acquire easements necessary for this transmission line.				
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					

Austin Energy must acquire additional easements of varying width to address safety issues related to the trees located on either side of existing 100-foot wide electrical easements. The easements will allow for the trimming or removal of trees that pose a threat of falling into the transmission lines. A new 345 kV transmission circuit is being constructed to serve the Dunlap Substation. The new substation and transmission line are needed to deliver reliable electric service to meet a growing demand.

The new Transmission Line requires the acquisition of a permanent electric easement on the property listed above. Austin Energy has attempted to purchase the needed permanent electric easement, but has been unable to agree with the owner on the fair market value of the needed easement. Therefore, Austin Energy is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.