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Mr. Jim Collins, Director  
On-site Energy Resources  
Austin Energy  
710 Barton Springs Road  
Austin, Texas 78704

**Late Backup**

RE: Proposed Chilled Water Facility  
Crescent Tract

Mr. Collins,


Thank you for your time and courtesy on the telephone and for your e-mail.

DANA understands the need for and efficacy of additional chilled water facilities on the Crescent tract. However, the residents of both Gables developments and the Spring are genuinely and rightly concerned with the noise which may be generated by the operation of such facilities.

There appears to be some substantial confusion within the City regarding noise levels and abatement goals. While it is my understanding that you are committed to working with DANA and other stakeholders, the only noise level which has been mentioned during the rezoning process has been 75 dba, the noise level of a leaf blower.

The Crescent site is a natural bowl which will act as a natural amphitheater and amplify and augment the transmission of any sound produced by the facilities on the Crescent property.

We therefore respectfully request that Austin Energy agree, as a condition of the rezoning to DMU-P, that any facility on the Crescent tract be designed to limit or mitigate noise to 50 dba, a level equivalent to light traffic or normal conversation.



DANA

cc: Mayor and Council

Amtrak  
Station - AUS



W 3rd St

N Lamar Blvd

W 5th St

W 6th St

Frank & Angie's  
Pizzeria

W 5th St

The  
Monarch

W 5th St

Bowie St

Shoal Creek Trail

Gables

W 3rd St

David J  
Gordon II DDS

John Girard  
Salon

West Ave

Shoal Creek Trail

Austin  
Music Hall

W 4th St

Gables  
Park Plaza

Luke's  
Locker

Gables II

Crescent Tract

West 2nd Street

Sand  
Beach Park

SEAholm

West Ave

Shoal Creek Trail

Shoal Beach

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N Lamar Blvd

Pfluger  
Ped Bridge