

Late Backup

Item 24
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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, in April 2010 the City Council adopted the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2020 (Generation Plan 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Generation Plan 2020 set many goals, including that Austin Energy meet 35% of its energy load using renewable resources and that the utility reduce total demand by at least 800 MWs between 2007 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established a Generation Resource Planning Task Force in 2009 to solicit public input in the development of a generation resource plan consistent with the Climate Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the task force provided essential input and recommendations regarding the Generation Plan 2020; and

WHEREAS, Austin Energy has conducted several public sessions to collect input about the Generation Resource and Climate Protection Plan through 2024 (Generation Plan 2024); and

[**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted an affordability goal for Austin Energy (AE) to operate in such a way as to limit rate increases (including base, fuel riders, etc.) to 2 percent per year, and for AE to maintain competitive rates within the lower 50 percent among benchmark cities; and]

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the Generation Plan 2024 would further benefit from recommendations from an independent body such as a Generation Resource Planning Task Force; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

1. The Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force is created, consisting of nine members in total, including one representative each from the Electric Utility Commission and the Resource Management Commission and one member appointed by each Council Member.
2. The City Manager will place an item on the March 18, 2014, City Council work session agenda for Council to discuss potential Task Force appointees, ensuring that appointees collectively represent residential, commercial, industrial, and low income customers and possess some expertise in renewable energy and environmental compliance issues. Care will be taken to ensure that Task Force membership is not weighted in favor of any one interest group or customer class.
3. A quorum for the conduct of business is a majority of Task Force members. The Task Force shall elect a chair and vice-chair at its first meeting.
4. The Task Force shall examine and make recommendations regarding the Generation Plan 2024, consistent with meeting or exceeding the goals established in the Generation Plan 2020.
5. All meetings will be open to the public and that the public will be given a reasonable amount of time to provide input to the Task Force.
6. The City Manager shall provide reasonably necessary resources and technical assistance to the Task Force.

7. The Task Force shall issue its final report containing its recommendations no later than June 30, 2014, and shall present its report to the Council Committee on Austin Energy at its next meeting thereafter.
8. The Task Force shall dissolve upon the Council's adoption of an updated generation plan or on December 21, 2014, whichever occurs first.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk