



**ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved March 17, 2014  
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

**The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened in a regularly-scheduled meeting in the Shudde Fath Conference Room at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Bernie Bernfeld called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Commissioners in attendance: Bernie Bernfeld, Chair; Karen Hadden, Vice Chair; Clay Butler, Shudde Fath, Brent Heidebrecht, Dr. Varun Rai, and Linda Shaw. Staff in attendance: Cheryl Mele, Ann Little, Elaina Ball, Debbie Kimberly, Khalil Shalabi, Pat Alba, Pat Sweeney, Jeff Vice, David Kutach, Jim Collins, Adrienne Brandt, Kurt Stogdill, Steve Saenz, Cathy Foster, Erika Bierschbach, Patricia Alofsin, John Wester, Russell Maenius, Joe Guerrero and Toye Goodson Collins of Austin Energy; and Rosemary Ledesma of the Purchasing Department.

Chair Bernfeld commended Austin Energy's Electric Service Delivery staff for setting a reliability record for the month of January 2014—the 12-month cumulative average was 43.14 minutes for SAIDI (duration of outages) and 0.55 for SAIFI (frequency of outages per customer).

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **The motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014 regular meeting, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Commissioner Shaw, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
3. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** – Steve Vaughan criticized changes to the Value of Solar. Paul Robbins spoke on the lack of discussion regarding the South Texas Plant.

**NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS**

**Commissioners recommended approval of Items 4, 5, 6 and 9 on consent and recommended approval of Items 7 and 8 following discussion of those items. Each action is detailed below.**

4. Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a 60 month requirements service contract with JOHNSON CONTROLS INC., to provide preventative maintenance services and extended warranty for chillers, air handler units and Metasys building automation software at Austin Energy's System Control Center in an amount not to exceed \$143,926. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
5. Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing program with EATON CORPORATION, for the purchase, delivery, installation and testing of two 15kv switchgear breakers for Austin Energy's Domain District Cooling Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$68,062. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
6. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Staybridge Suites, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its new construction facility located at 13000 North I-35, Austin, Texas 78753, for an estimated \$12,152 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$121,520 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
7. Authorize additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,182,000 to the job order contract with GO GREEN SQUADS, LLC (WBE/FW); MCCULLOUGH HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.; CLIMATE MECHANICAL, INC., AIRTECH ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.; GOOD NEIGHBOR MANAGEMENT, INC. DBA CITY CONSERVATION; AND AMERICAN CONSERVATION & AIR, INC., for Austin Energy's Home Efficiency Assistance (Free Home Weatherization) Program-Tier 2 Basic Weatherization Plus HVAC, to be distributed to contractors based on work authorization and availability. (Note: AE will fund \$982,000 and AWU will fund

\$200,000.) **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Heidebrecht, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

8. Authorize execution of a power purchase agreement with Lincoln Renewable Energy LLC, Chicago, IL, for a term of up to 18 years for up to 300 megawatts of wind-generated electricity, in an estimated amount of \$31,000,000 per year, for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$558,000,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Heidebrecht, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
9. Authorize award and execution of three 36-month requirements supply agreements for the purchase of PVC conduit and accessories for Austin Energy with: STUART C. IRBY CO. in an amount not to exceed \$369,912 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$123,304 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$739,824; CRAWFORD ELECTRIC SUPPLY in an amount not to exceed \$21,522 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$7,174 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43,044; and with KBS ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS INC. in an amount not to exceed \$21,441, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$7,147 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$42,882. The annual amount for all PVC conduit & accessories required under these contracts will be for a total each and combined amount not to exceed \$137,625. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS & REPORTS**

10. Briefing on the Process for Updating the Resource, Generation & Climate Protection Plan by Mark Dreyfus, VP, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications, and Khalil Shalabi, VP, Energy Market Operations and Resource Planning.
11. Quarterly Financial Report by David Kutach, Director, Financial Planning and Budget, and Cathy Foster, Acting Director, Corporate Accounting and Rates.

#### **OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Energy's solar program, including the Value of Solar – Debbie Kimberly, VP, Customer Energy Solutions, and Kurt Stogdill, Interim Manager, Solar Program, made a presentation regarding the solar program including rebates and incentives, as requested by Commissioners. The Value of Solar discussion was rescheduled for May 2014.
13. Discussion of Annual Internal Review and Report, required per Section 2-1-46 of the City Code (due to the City Clerk on March 31, 2014) – Commissioner Shaw presented a draft report for review. No additions were made. Ms. Shaw requested that members think about the Commission's goals for 2014, to be included in the report next month before submitting to the Clerk's office.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

14. Request agenda items, including information related to the Upcoming Procurements Report – Chair Bernfeld said he would have questions about #18 on the Upcoming Procurements Report, "Efficiency Power Saver (software)," at the time it appeared on their agenda. He also suggested the EUC hold a joint meeting with the Resource Management Commission to hear from staff and the public on the update to the Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan. Vice Chair Hadden requested a financial update on STP. Commissioner Butler requested a load growth forecast in March to better assess generation planning and, in April, information on replacement asset planning relating to the possible retirement of the Decker plant in 2018. Commissioner Heidebrecht asked for a better understanding of the concept of load-following utility vs. the grid-management utility.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Bernfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. without objection.