



ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – Approved April 21, 2014
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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.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Bernie Bernfeld called the meeting to order at 6:06 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: Ann Little, Debbie Kimberley, David Kutach, Adrienne Brandt, Patricia Alofsin, Pat Sweeney, Erika Bierschbach, Jamie Mitchell, Vince McGlone and Toye Goodson Collins of Austin Energy; and Rosemary Ledesma of the Purchasing Department.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **The motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 regular meeting with one correction, by Commissioner Fath and seconded by Vice Chair Hadden, passed on a vote of 7-0.** In Agenda Item 2, at the end of the first line, the year was corrected to read 2014 instead of 2013.
2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** – There were no speakers.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT ITEMS

3. Authorize negotiation and execution of a power purchase agreement with SunEdison, for a term of up to 25 years for up to 150 megawatts of solar-generated electricity, in an estimated amount of \$21,000,000 per year, for a total estimated contract amount of \$525,000,000. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Vice Chair Hadden, passed on a vote of 5-0-2 with Commissioners Butler and Rai abstaining. Commissioner Rai noted that he supports the project in principle because of its great pricing and objectives for meeting solar goals, but he decided not to vote because of process reasons. He said that it is a very large project and he has not had adequate time or information to vet it fully.**
4. Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with North Central Elementary, to provide a performance-based incentive for the generation of solar energy at its facility located at 2011 W. Rundberg Lane in Austin, Texas, for an estimated \$31,635 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$316,350 over a 10-year period. **The motion to recommend approval, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
5. Approve issuance of a rebate to HID Global Corporation for the new construction installation of energy efficient equipment at their facility located at 611 Center Ridge Drive, Austin, Texas 78753, in an amount of \$107,823. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
6. Approve issuance of a rebate to PBH Grove LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Grove Apartments located at 3707 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas 78704, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
7. Approve issuance of a rebate to Post Riverside Country Club LLC, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Country Club Creek Apartments located at 4501 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78741, in an amount not to exceed \$144,319. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

8. Approve issuance of a rebate to South Congress Apartments LP, for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Santa Maria Apartments located at 8071 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78753, in an amount not to exceed \$96,800. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
9. Approve issuance of a rebate to the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, for performing energy efficiency improvements at The Cliffs at Barton Creek Apartments located at 3050 Tamarron Blvd., Austin, Texas 78746, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
10. Approve issuance of a rebate to Westdale Asset Management, for performing energy efficiency improvements at Hunters Chase Apartments – West Phase located at 12342 Hunters Chase Drive, Austin, Texas 78729, in an amount not to exceed \$133,750. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Heidebrecht, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
11. Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with POWER SUPPLY INC, for the purchase of three-phase reclosers for Austin Energy, in an amount not-to-exceed \$172,485, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$57,495 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$344,970. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
12. Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for the switchgear at Austin Energy’s Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$196,450. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
13. Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 4 to the contract with BILT RITE SCAFFOLD COMPANY, AUSTIN SALES, INC., BASIC INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH TEXAS, and SAFWAY SERVICES, LLC, for scaffold services for Austin Energy, to increase the contract authorization for the current contract period in an amount not to exceed \$350,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,268,000. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
14. Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 7 to the contract with POWERPLAN CONSULTANTS, INC., for the purchase of software upgrades and continued maintenance and support services for Austin Energy’s utility asset accounting software, PowerPlant, to add five one-year extension options in amounts not to exceed \$885,499, \$345,748, \$359,588, \$373,972 and \$388,930 respectively, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$4,017,067. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
15. Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with Automated Logic Contracting Services, Inc., for the purchase and installation of remotely-programmable heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) controls at Austin Energy’s Sand Hill Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$64,796. **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
16. Authorize award and execution of a 36-month supply agreements contract through U.S. Communities with THE HOME DEPOT U.S.A., and through The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) with LOWE’S HOME CENTERS, LLC, for the purchase of building supplies and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 each and combined, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 each and combined per extension option,

for a total contract amount not to exceed \$9,000,000. (Note: AE's estimated annual usage is 14.3%.) **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

17. Authorize award and execution of two 36-month requirements supply agreements for the purchase of tape and adhesive products for Austin Energy and the Aviation Department with: TECHLINE INC. in an amount not to exceed \$190,311 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$63,437 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$380,622; and with NUNN ELECTRIC SUPPLY in an amount not to exceed \$20,943, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$6,981 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$41,886. The annual amount for all tape and adhesive products required under these contracts will be for a total each and combined amount not to exceed \$70,418. (Note: AE's share for FY14 is \$32,649.) **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**
18. Authorize award and execution of two 36-month requirements supply agreements for the purchase of rope, cords and slings for Austin Energy and the Austin Water Utility with: STUART C. IRBY CO. in an amount not to exceed \$51,591 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$17,197 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$103,182; and with TECHLINE INC. in an amount not to exceed \$55,158, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$18,386 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$110,316. The annual amount for all rope, cords and slings required under these contracts will be for a total each and combined amount not to exceed \$35,583. (Note: AE's share for FY14 is \$15,003.) **The motion to recommend approval on consent, by Chair Bernfeld and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.**

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEM

19. Discussion and approval of the Electric Utility Commission's Annual Internal Review and Report, required per Section 2-1-46 of the City Code – Commissioners reviewed the report drafted by Commissioner Shaw. Under Item 3, listing the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year, Vice Chair Hadden suggested adding the word "clean" to the second bullet to read "Provide public oversight of Austin energy's annual budget and efforts to reduce costs and provide *clean* reliable power." Ms. Hadden also suggested adding the following goal: "Review and provide public input and oversight over Austin Energy's compliance with the Austin Climate Protection Plan, including how actions and proposed actions of the utility impact climate change, sustainability and water usage." Commissioner Butler suggested adding the word "goals" so that the new goal read: "Review and provide public input and oversight over Austin Energy's compliance with the Austin Climate Protection Plan, including how actions and proposed actions of the utility impact climate change, sustainability *goals* and water usage." Chair Bernfeld suggested the following three goals: "Provide public oversight over long term planning regarding electric rates," "Provide oversight and guidance regarding the biennial review of the Generation, Resource and Climate Protection Plan" and "Provide review for replacement of power from aging baseload and peaking assets." **The motion to include the following goals in the Annual Review and Report, by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Vice Chair Hadden, passed on a vote of 7-0:**
 - **Encourage public discussion on the future policies and programs of Austin Energy**
 - **Provide public oversight of Austin Energy's annual budget and efforts to reduce costs and provide clean, reliable power**
 - **Provide public oversight over long term planning regarding electric rates**

- Review and provide public input and oversight over Austin Energy's compliance with the Austin Climate Protection Plan, including how actions and proposed actions of the utility impact climate change, sustainability goals and water usage.
- Provide oversight and guidance regarding the biennial review of the Generation, Resource and Climate Protection Plan.
- Provide review for replacement of power from aging baseload and peaking assets.

The motion to approve the complete report as amended, by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Fath, passed on a vote of 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

20. Request agenda items, including information related to the Upcoming Procurements Report – Vice Chair Hadden requested an update on STP in May.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Bernfeld adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. without objection.