# City of Austin Utilities 

## Arrearage Program Design

|  | Advocacy Group Recommendation |  | City of Austin Utility Recommendation |  |
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|  | Discount Participants | Any Active Residential Customer Who Has Had Service with AE from June 2011 to June 2013 | Discount Participants | Any Active Residential Customer Who Has Had Service with AE from June 2011 to June 2013 |
| Eligibility | Enrolled or waitlisted on the discount program | Active residential customer who had service with AE from June 2011 to June 2013 | Enrolled or waitlisted on the discount program | Special payment arrangement available |
| Benefits | Immediate incentive towards debt (match/credits begin month 1 of program) will be able to tap into AE resources (education class, weatherization) | Immediate incentive towards debt (match/credits begin month 1 of program) will be able to tap into AE resources (education class, weatherization) | Immediate incentive towards debt (match/credits begin month 1 of program) will be able to tap into AE resources (education class, weatherization) | Special payment arrangement available |
| How to Apply | Already in place | Already in place | Already in place | Special payment arrangement available |
| Length of Program | Determined by amount of debt; <br> $\$ 1,750-\$ 3,000=12$ months <br> $\$ 3,001-\$ 6,000=24$ months <br> $\$ 6,001+=36$ months | Determined by amount of debt, <br> $\$ 1,750-\$ 3,000=12$ months <br> $\$ 3,001-\$ 6,000=24$ months <br> $\$ 6,001+=36$ months | Determined by amount of debt; <br> $\$ 1,750-\$ 3,000=12$ months <br> $\$ 3,001-\$ 6,000=24$ months <br> $\$ 6,001+=36$ months | Special payment arrangement available |
| Down payment Requirement | Not required | Not required | Not required | Special payment arrangement available |
| Payment Amount \% | 20\%/80\%, $30 \% / 70 \%, 40 \% / 60 \%$ with cap of $5 \%$ | 40\%/60\%, 30\%70\%, 20\%/80\% | 20\%/80\%, 30\%/70\%, $40 \% / 60 \%$ with cap of $5 \%$ | Special payment arrangement available |
| Removal from Program | 2 strikes rule <br> 30 day no contact = strike <br> Default payment = strike <br> NSF = strike <br> Customer can participate in the program twice in a lifetime regardless of the outcome of previous program enrollment | 2 strikes rule <br> 30 day no contact $=$ strike <br> Default payment = strike NSF = strike <br> Customer can participate in the program twice in a lifetime regardless of the outcome of previous program enrollment | 2 strikes rule <br> 30 day no contact $=$ strike <br> Default payment = strike <br> NSF = strike <br> Customer can be reinstated in program if payments caught up after 2 strikes | Special payment arrangement available |
| Administration | Austin Energy | Austin Energy | Austin Energy | Austin Energy |

