



**AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sheri Gallo called the committee meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Chair Sheri Gallo

Vice Chair Leslie Pool

Mayor Steve Adler

Council Member Gregorio Casar

Council Member Delia Garza

Council Member Ora Houston

Council Member Ann Kitchen

Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria

Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo

Council Member Ellen Troxclair

Council Member Don Zimmerman

**Staff in Attendance:**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

1. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed three minutes to speak.
  - a. Trey Salinas spoke on behalf of CCARE regarding Austin Energy's affordability goal, large industrial contracts and evaluating the cost of service.
  - b. Jere Locke with the Texas Drought Project spoke about pollution from the proposed gas plant and the effects of fracking in shale.
  - c. Scott Johnson spoke regarding a voluntary contribution for parks and libraries on City utility bills and opportunities to promote it in the community.
  - d. Jeremy Martin spoke on behalf of the Austin Chamber of Commerce in support of the long term contracts for large industrial customers and adhering to the affordability goals.
  - e. Carol Biedrzycki spoke as a member of the Low Income Consumer Advisory Working Group stating that members want to discuss payment arrangements/arrearage management at a future meeting, and that she continues to hear billing and customer service issues.

**ITEMS REFERRED FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

2. Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of three 24-month contracts with KEMA, INC., GDS ASSOCIATES, INC. and LEIDOS INC., or one of the other qualified offerors to RFP No. OPJ0112, for demand side management consulting services in an amount not to exceed

**\$1,000,000 each and combined with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each and combined, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.**

General Manager Larry Weis stated that staff would like to postpone this item. The motion to postpone this item to an indefinite date was approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Houston's second on a 10-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo was off the dais.

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- 3. Briefing and discussion regarding a financial overview of Austin Energy, including: commercial paper and refunding bonds; cash and reserves policy; payment arrangements, arrearage management and bad debt; Customer Assistance Program enrollment; and large demand customer contracts.**

The presentation was made by Larry Weis, General Manager; Mark Dombroski, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Dennis Waley, Managing Director, Public Financial Management; Elaine Kelly-Diaz, Vice President, Customer Account Management and Jawana Gutierrez, Vice President, Customer Care Services.

The topics of Customer Assistance Program enrollment and large demand customer contracts were postponed to a future date.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Chair Gallo adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. without objection.**