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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	45703	Agenda Number	53.
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Meeting Date:	5/21/2015	Department:	Austin Energy
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance on second and third readings amending the electric rate schedules in Ordinance No. 20140908-003 with regard to contract rates for large primary and transmission voltage customers.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	May 7, 2015 - Approved ordinance on first reading
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The requested action will set a new expiration date of November 30, 2015 for Austin Energy's long-term contracts with large primary and transmission voltage customers, excluding the State of Texas and the University of Texas which have contracts currently set to expire in 2017. Customers served under contract as of the beginning of this year will be eligible to extend or renew a contract under the Large Primary Service Special Contract Rider II, but modified as described below, the billing period including November 30, 2015, at which time all contracts will expire without further Council action.

The contract extension will pertain only to accounts served at primary and transmission voltage with a peak demand in excess of three megawatts. Many contract customers now have contract rates that extend to lesser primary and secondary voltage service.

A temporary extension of the contracts will also give the new Council and its Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee time to evaluate the impact of the contract expirations and determine a course forward for large industrial customers.