



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee

Date: August 27, 2015

Agenda Item #: 7

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action on a resolution regarding the procurement of solar generation.

Vote: Forwarded to City Council, with language recommended by the Electric Utility Commission, on an 8-3 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Garza and Pool voting against.

Sponsors/Department: Council Member Garza, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Council Members Casar, Pool and Kitchen.

Summary of Discussion:

Committee members engaged in discussion on the following topics:

- The Resolution as posted has more teeth than the Electric Utility Commission's recommendation.
- It refers to policy included in the approved Generation Plan.
- A broader discussion should occur prior to adoption of the policy directing the acquisition of an additional 600 MW of solar before the end of 2017, which is a change to the Generation Plan.
- Input from the community is needed since this involves potential changes to the Generation Plan.

Public Comments:

Due to time constraints, there were no public comments.

Direction: The Committee forwarded the item to City Council with language stating, "The City Manager is directed to bring a plan for Council approval no later than October 1, 2015 that outlines how the City will meet the 600MW utility scale solar goal by no later than 2017."

Recommendation: A motion to forward the Resolution to Council was approved on Mayor Adler's motion and seconded by Council Member Houston on an 8-3 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Members Garza and Pool voted against.