

**AUSTIN ENERGY'S TARIFF PACKAGE: §
2015 COST OF SERVICE STUDY §
AND PROPOSAL TO CHANGE BASE §
ELECTRIC RATES §**

AUSTIN ENERGY
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BEFORE THE CITY OF AUSTIN
IMPARTIAL HEARING EXAMINER

**AUSTIN ENERGY'S FILING OF PROCEDURAL RULES AND
PROPOSED REVISED SCHEDULE**

On February 1, 2016, Austin Energy filed the finalized procedural rules that will govern the proceedings before the Impartial Hearing Examiner. The rules will be served on all parties that attended the January 14, 2016 prehearing conference as well as on all parties that have filed a motion to intervene as of 5:00 pm February 1, 2016. In addition, the rules will be posted on Austin Energy's rate review website at rates.austinenergy.com.

In addition to the procedural rules, Austin Energy is presenting a revised procedural schedule for the Impartial Hearing Examiner's consideration. After receiving feedback from interested parties, the Electric Utility Commission, and the Austin City Council, Austin Energy has modified its initially proposed schedule to accommodate parties' request for additional time to review the Tariff Package and to prepare for the in-person hearings.

With the exception of the June 30, 2016 deadline for the City Council's final decision on the rate proposal, Austin Energy can consider changing the dates for specific events based on parties' input and the Impartial Hearing Examiner's final determination. The proposed changes include extending the intervention deadline to 30 days from today's date, effectively giving parties an additional week to review the Tariff Package and develop its Party Presentation. Austin Energy suggests this change because the final procedural rules were not posted publicly until February 1, 2016.

The revised proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

January 25	Austin Energy Releases Tariff Package Motions to intervene accepted Discovery begins
February 8	Austin Energy files preliminary Statement of Issues
February 12	Impartial hearing Examiner files final procedural schedule
February 15	Impartial Hearing Examiner files final Statement of Issues
March 2	Deadline to file a motion to intervene
March 25	All Parties to file Party Presentations
March 25	First day Austin Energy may submit discovery requests to other Parties
March 25	Last day to submit discovery request to Austin Energy.
March 30	Cross Rebuttal by Intervenors & Independent Consumer Advocate on other Intervenors' & Independent Consumer Advocate's Party Presentations
April 6	Last day to submit discovery requests to Intervenors & Independent Consumer Advocate.
April 7	Austin Energy files Rebuttal to Intervenors' and ICA's Party Presentations
April 13 through April 15	Hearing
April 22	Intervenors & Independent Consumer Advocate file Closing Briefs
April 29	Austin Energy files Closing Brief
May 23	IHE issues final recommendation

Austin Energy recommends the Impartial Hearing Examiner issue a final procedural schedule no later than February 12, 2016 in order to provide parties with sufficient time to prepare for the rate review. The procedural calendar must maintain a deadline for the Impartial Hearing Examiner to issue his final recommendation no later than May 23 so that City Council has five weeks to review the recommendations and make a determination.

Respectfully submitted,



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