

AUSTIN ENERGY

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

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BEFORE THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
IMPARTIAL HEARING EXAMINER

Clifford G. Wells's , Administrative Executive , Bethany United Methodist Church, Austin,  
Texas 'S MOTION TO INTERVENE  
(Insert Party Name)

This Motion to Intervene ("Motion") is being filed by \_Clifford G. Wells\_ (the  
(Insert Party Name)

"Party"). The Party is an Austin Energy customer or is an association which represents Austin  
Energy customers and is entitled to be an intervenor in this proceeding.

The Party has reviewed Austin Energy's Tariff Package and believes that the Impartial  
Hearing Examiner should address the following issues:

(1)Why are you eliminating the Houses of Worship Discount? The rate for Houses of  
Worship was increased in the 2012-2013 Rate increases by adding charges for demand, first on  
all demand and later waiving demand on Saturday and Sunday (low demand days). Eliminating  
this discount will increase the power bill on our Sanctuary by 24.8%. Our total bill for Electric  
Service for 2015 for the Sanctuary Building Account Number 71446 00000 was \$24,372. The  
total credit from the Sanctuary Discount was \$6,055. Every month in 2015 we received a  
Sanctuary Discount. Our church has six other buildings / meters and our total Electric Service  
Bill for 2015 was \$120,593.

(2)Why are you stating the Discount is being eliminated since the "transition period" is  
over". This is a three year transition period? You went 17 years prior to 2013 with no increases,  
then 2013 and now in 2016 another rate change?

(3)I suggest Houses of Worship are being unfairly targeted for increase while other users  
or buildings in the S2 and S3 classes are scheduled for decreases. There are about 600 houses of  
worship in the AE service area. Many will be severely hurt with increases the 25% range as your  
Rate Plan Report predicts. Other special interest groups like ISD's, the State and Military Bases  
are granted discounts.

Be sure to serve this document to all parties by sending them an email with your filing attached. Service addresses  
can be found on the Clerk's website: [http://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/notices/ae\\_2016\\_rate\\_review.htm](http://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/notices/ae_2016_rate_review.htm)

(4) Austin Energy states it is concerned about the community and even includes in its fees one for "Community Benefit". AE has a number of assistance programs to help users tangibly with payment help and with information and rebates. Bethany UMC along with 14 other churches (with Houses of Worship) work with AE in your "Plus 1 Program" Our church also helps the community with utility bill payments through our own Benevolence funds. We and many churches help the community homeless with food and assistance, housing, and many mission and outreach programs on large, medium and small scale. We do this with love and care and we do not have to use Rate Schedules. We and an extensive safety blanket to help the "Last, Least and Lost". Recognition of these benefits and services is something Austin Energy and the City of Austin can provide at minimum cost.

[(Include if applicable) This Party is representing other Austin Energy customers, including the following: Bethany United Methodist Church with 2900 members and all those our community we serve. We are enlisting other churches to this cause.

All documents related to this proceeding should be emailed to the Party at the following email address: Cliff.wells@bethany-umc.org

*(Insert the email address you want to use to receive information about this proceeding)*

  
(Signature of Party or Party's Authorized Representative)

CLIFFORD G. WELLS  
(Printed Name of Party or Party's Authorized Representative)

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(State Bar Number if Party or Party's Auth. Rep. is an attorney)

March 4, 2016  
(Date Submitted)