

AUSTIN ENERGY'S TARIFF PACKAGE: §
2015 COST OF SERVICE § BEFORE THE CITY OF AUSTIN
STUDY AND PROPOSAL TO CHANGE § IMPARTIAL HEARING EXAMINER
BASE ELECTRIC RATES §

**AUSTIN ENERGY'S RESPONSE TO AE LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS'
SIXTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Austin Energy ("AE") files this Response to AE Low Income Customers' ("AELIC") Sixth Request for Information submitted on March 15, 2016. Pursuant to the City of Austin Procedural Rules for the Initial Review of Austin Energy's Rates § 7.3(c)(1), this Response is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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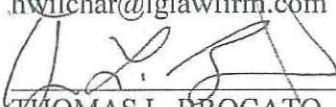
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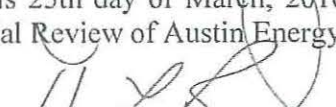
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this pleading has been served on all parties and the Impartial Hearing Examiner on this 25th day of March, 2016, in accordance with the City of Austin Procedural Rules for the Initial Review of Austin Energy's Rates.


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AELIC 6-1 How much of the non-nuclear decommissioning reserve costs requested in the COS has been allocated to the residential customer class? (Reference page 4-64, Bates Stamp p. 093.)

ANSWER:

Residential customer class is being allocated 41.9 percent of the non-nuclear decommissioning reserve costs.

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AELIC 6-2 How much of the non-nuclear decommissioning reserve costs requested in the COS is being sought to be recovered in the base rates by AE?

ANSWER:

All non-nuclear decommissioning costs are included in base rates.

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AELIC 6-3 Since FY 2009, has AE or its agent performed a lead-lag study as that term is understood in P.U.C. SUBST. Rule 25.231(c)(2)(B)?

ANSWER:

No.

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AELIC 6-4 If the answer to RFI No. 6-3 is yes, please provide copies of each lead-lag study AE or its agent has performed since FY 2009.

ANSWER:

Not applicable.

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AELIC 6-5 If the answer to RFI No. 6-3 is no, please explain why AE has not performed a lead-lag study.

ANSWER:

Please refer to AE's Response to NXP/Samsung RFI No. 1-113.

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AELIC 6-6 Does AE and/or LCRA have any legal or regulatory obligations to ERCOT and/or the Texas Public Utility Commission to operate the Fayette Power Plant?

ANSWER:

Neither Austin Energy nor the Lower Colorado River Authority (both as owner and as plant manager) can cease operations at the Fayette Power Plant without authorization from ERCOT. Therefore, Austin Energy and LCRA are obligated to operate the Fayette Power Project pursuant to applicable ERCOT Protocols.

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AELIC 6-7 If the answer to RFI No. 6-6 is yes please briefly describe each legal and/or regulatory obligation. With each obligation please identify the termination date, if any, of that obligation; whether the obligation is contractual or regulatory; and whether the obligation is with ERCOT or with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

ANSWER:

Retirement of the facility would be governed by the Notification of Suspension of Operations provisions of the ERCOT Protocols as noted in Austin Energy's Response to AELIC'S RFI No. 4-14. ERCOT's role as the grid operator is authorized by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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