

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 PAUL ROBBINS'S
THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Austin Energy ("AE") files this Response to Paul Robbins's Third Request for Information submitted on April 5, 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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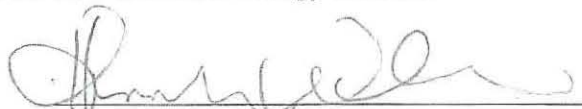
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 15th day of April, 2016, in accordance with the City of Austin Procedural Rules for the Initial Review of Austin Energy's Rates.



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Paul Robbins 3-1 Five-Year Forecast

Paul Robbins 3-1 Please provide the FY 2016 budget and the most recent 5-year budget forecast.

ANSWER:

Both the FY 2016 Budget and five year forecast are available on Austin Finance Online (<https://austintexas.gov/financeonline/finance/main.cfm>). Direct links to the documents requested are as follows:

FY 2016 Budget Volume I

https://assets.austintexas.gov/budget/15-16/downloads/Vol1Approved_Final.pdf

FY 2016 Budget Volume II

https://assets.austintexas.gov/budget/15-16/downloads/Vol2Approved_Final.pdf

Austin Energy Five Year Forecast (2016-2020)

http://assets.austintexas.gov/budget/15-16/downloads/ae_fy16_forecast_presentation.pdf

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Paul Robbins 3-2 Five-year Employee Number and Budget and Future Numbers and Budgets

Paul Robbins 3-2 Please provide the most recent number of employees and budget for employee salaries (FY 2016), and projected number of employees and budget for employees for the next 5 years. This does not include employee benefits.

Please state whether or not the salaries include increases due to inflation and/or estimated raises.

ANSWER:

Please refer to AE's Response to NXP/Samsung's RFI No. 4-18 for the total number of FTE. Please refer to Austin Energy's Five Year Forecast provided in its Response to Paul Robbins' RFI No. 3-1 for the projected number of employees (slide 9). Labor cost, exclusive of employee benefits is as follows:

FY 2016 Budget	\$135,350,525
FY 2017 Forecast	\$139,749,417
FY 2018 Forecast	\$144,291,273
FY 2019 Forecast	\$148,980,739
FY 2020 Forecast	\$153,822,614

A forecast for FY 2021 does not exist. Labor expenses are projected at 3.25% (Wages & Benefits) for employee raises and benefit increases.

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Paul Robbins 3-3 Five Year Projected Employee Benefits

Paul Robbins 3-3 Please provide the most recent budget for employee benefits (FY 2016),
and projected employee benefits for the next 5 years.

ANSWER:

Benefit cost, exclusive of salaries is as follows:

FY 2016 Budget	\$57,134,997
FY 2017 Forecast	\$58,991,884
FY 2018 Forecast	\$60,909,121
FY 2019 Forecast	\$62,888,667
FY 2020 Forecast	\$64,932,549

A forecast for FY 2021 does not exist.

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Paul Robbins 3-4 Transmission and Distribution

Paul Robbins 3-4.1 Please provide a summary of Austin Energy's transmission and distribution assets, including each type of assets' estimated worth. (Examples of types of assets include land or rights-of-way, transformers, poles and conduits.)

ANSWER:

For distribution assets, please refer to Schedule B-1 for the Original Cost of Plant in Service and Schedule B-5 for Accumulated Depreciation:

This request is subject to a pending objection regarding transmission assets. Notwithstanding this objection, Austin Energy is providing the requested information pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 552.

Prepared by: DK/JL
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Paul Robbins 3-4.2 Please break down the percentage of these assets and their worth that are inside the City of Austin and outside the City of Austin.

ANSWER:

This request is subject to a pending objection. A breakdown of assets does not exist for assets inside and outside the City of Austin.

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Paul Robbins 3-4.3 Please provide the projected T & D assets that will be added and their worth over the next 5 years.

ANSWER:

The following chart shows the projected T&D asset amounts (additions and improvements) in the approved FY 2016 – FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program spending plan. The forecast for 2021 does not exist.

Assets added \$ in millions	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Distribution	\$ 76.0	\$ 75.0	\$ 76.0	\$ 76.0	\$ 80.0
Distribution Substation	11.0	14.0	6.0	20.0	15.0
T&D Total	\$ 87.0	\$ 89.0	\$ 82.0	\$ 96.0	\$ 95.0

This request is subject to a pending objection regarding transmission assets. Notwithstanding this objection, Austin Energy is providing the requested information pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 552.

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Paul Robbins 3-4.4 Please break down the percentage of these assets and their worth that are inside the City of Austin and outside the City of Austin.

ANSWER:

This request is subject to a pending objection. A breakdown of assets does not exist for assets inside and outside the City of Austin.

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Austin Energy's Response to Paul Robbins's 3rd RFI

Paul Robbins 3-4.5 Please provide a summary of Austin Energy's transmission and distribution operation & maintenance costs in FY 2016, and estimated costs for over the next 5 years.

ANSWER:

The five year forecast for Electric Service Delivery is shown below. The forecast for 2021 does not exist.

	Amended Budget 2016	Forecast 2017	Forecast 2018	Forecast 2019	Forecast 2020
Electric Service Delivery	82,140,449	83,537,150	86,538,479	89,648,418	92,870,922

This request is subject to a pending objection regarding transmission costs. Notwithstanding this objection, Austin Energy is providing the requested information pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 552.

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Paul Robbins 3-4.6 Please break down the percentage of these operation & maintenance costs that are inside the City of Austin and outside the City of Austin.

ANSWER:

This request is subject to a pending objection. A breakdown of O&M costs does not exist for costs inside and outside the City of Austin.

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