

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

JIM ROURKE'S INITIAL PARTY PRESENTATION

Jim Rourke files this initial Party Presentation in accordance with Section 6.1(b) of the City of Austin Procedural Rules For The Initial Review Of Austin Energy's Rates and the revised procedural schedule established in the Impartial Hearings Examiner's Memorandum No. 10: Setting Procedural Schedule.

Value-Of-Solar Tariff Rider

The Impartial Hearings Examiner should recommend that the Austin City Council require Austin Energy to revise the Value-Of-Solar Rider (Rider) to clearly state the formula for calculating Value-Of-Solar Rate and to clearly identify and define the components of the formula. During the budgeting process each year, the City Council adopts a Value-of-Solar-Rate calculated by Austin Energy and amends the Rider to include the adopted \$/kWh rate for the upcoming calendar year. The Rider clearly describes the Value-Of-Solar Rate as being calculated using variable components. But, the Rider provides no useful information to residential customers to whom the rate applies regarding Austin Energy's calculation of the rate. As a result, customers have no basis upon which to verify or question Austin Energy's calculation, or to recommend changes in the rate calculation to the City Council. Clearly describing in the Rider the formula and its components for calculating the Value-Of-Solar Rate will go a long way to providing rate transparency and affording customers with notice of how Austin Energy should consistently calculate the rate each year.

This request is reasonable, and making the requested revision is not a burdensome task for Austin Energy. Yet, Austin Energy will not voluntarily make the revision. It appears that the Impartial Hearings Examiner and the City Council must require Austin Energy to revise the Rider before it will do so. Consequently, Jim Rourke makes this request to the Impartial Hearings Examiner and the City Council.

Reservation of Right to Amend and Supplement Party Presentation

Jim Rourke reserves the right to adopt other party presentations, and to amend and supplement this initial Party Presentation upon review of the evidence presented in this case and in response to other party presentations. Silence on issues not addressed in this Party Presentation, or amendments and supplements to this Party Presentation, should not be regarded as stating a position on those issues.

Copies of this Party Presentation are being served on parties listed on the City Clerk's service list as of the date of this filing.

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