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Judge and Parties,

I apologize for the misspelling of the name of HURF's attorney. It is *Borgelt*.

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On Fri, Jun 10, 2016 at 3:09 PM, Paul Robbins <[paul\\_robbins@greenbuilder.com](mailto:paul_robbins@greenbuilder.com)> wrote:

## AUSTIN ENERGY 2016 RATE REVIEW

### AUSTIN ENERGY'S TARIFF PACKAGE UPDATE OF THE 2009 COST OF SERVICE STUDY AND PROPOSAL TO CHANGE BASE ELECTRIC RATES

#### BEFORE THE CITY OF AUSTIN

#### IMPARTIAL HEARINGS EXAMINER

Judge Herrera and Parties,

I am submitting my final brief/response in the Austin Energy rate case.

There is little that I can add to my testimony, position statement, and what I have stated as a witness.

However, I will respond to HURF's cross examination questions and final brief concerning the matter of a rate break for out of city customers.

Every year, Austin Energy pays a 3% franchise fee to 8 cities that it serves. These include Bee Caves, Cedar Park, Pflugerville, Rollingwood, Sunset Valley, the Village of the Hills, the Village of Lakeway, and Westlake Hills. This fee contributes to the City services of these communities, which residents in the Austin City Limits do not benefit from.

Mr. Borgelt's, HURF's lawyer, contends that the people he represents should be given a rate break because they do not directly benefit from Austin's Energy's General Fund transfer to Austin's City services.

This is a seeming contradiction. If not, then Austin Energy should discontinue its franchise payment to these 8 cities.

Sincerely,

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