



AUSTIN ENERGY UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2016**

The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Sheri Gallo called the committee meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Sheri Gallo
Vice Chair Leslie Pool
Mayor Steve Adler
Council Member Gregorio Casar
Council Member Delia Garza
Council Member Ora Houston
Council Member Ann Kitchen
Council Member Sabino "Pio" Renteria
Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo
Council Member Ellen Troxclair
Council Member Don Zimmerman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee meeting of December 3, 2015.**

The minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting were approved on Council Member Garza's motion, and Council Member Houston's second, on a 7-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Casar, Renteria, and Troxclair were off the dais.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- 2. The first five speakers signed up before the meeting is called to order will each be allowed two minutes to speak.**

There were five speakers:

- David Hirsch spoke about issues with energy manufacturing and pollution.
- Roger Borgelt spoke about issues with the rate proceeding process.
- Kaiba White spoke about concerns with the Navigant report methodology.
- Debbie Russell spoke about pollution concerns with a gas plant in the Del Valle area.
- Scott Johnson spoke about voluntary contributions on utility bills.

BRIEFINGS

3. Briefing regarding cost of service/rate review procedures and rate design recommendations.

Mark Dombroski, Austin Energy Interim General Manager; Mark Dreyfus, Austin Energy Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Communications; and Alfred Herrera, Impartial Hearing Examiner provided the briefing. Discussion included the process, schedule, and scope of Austin Energy's recommendation.

4. Briefing regarding results of the Navigant Consulting study of the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025.

Mark Dombroski; Dan Bradley, Navigant Consulting; and Elaina Ball, Austin Energy Interim Chief Operating Officer, made the presentation. Discussion included the study methodology used.

5. Update regarding the procurement of a consumer advocate to participate in Austin Energy's rate review process.

James Scarboro, City Purchasing Officer; Mark Dreyfus; and Robin Harris, City Law Department provided the update. Discussion included the use of procurement vs. non-procurement options, desired qualifications for the consumer advocate, and application of the anti-lobbying ordinance.

6. Update regarding the process to fill the position of Austin Energy General Manager.

City Manager Marc Ott provided the update on the process to fill the General Manager position. Discussion included length of process and qualifications.

FUTURE ITEMS

7. Discussion of future agenda items.

This item was not addressed.

ADJOURN

Chair Gallo adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 25th day of February 2016 on Vice Chair Pool's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 6-0 vote. Mayor Adler and Council Members Casar, Garza, Kitchen, and Troxclair were off the dais.