

Proposed Resolution, RMC on Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025

Whereas the City Council adopted the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025 in December of 2014 that set renewable energy, fossil fuel retirements, and local demand side management, storage and solar goals;

Whereas Austin Energy has shown that the utility is making significant progress to meet these 2025 goals;

Whereas an Electric Utility Commission Resource Planning Working Group was named in late 2016 and met 14 times from November of 2016 through May of 2017;

Whereas the Electric Utility Commission Resource Planning Working Group (Working Group) worked in collaboration with Austin Energy to update the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025;

Whereas Resource planning is intended to be a roadmap that is designed to meet affordability and climate protection goals approved by the Austin City Council;

Whereas the Planning Working Group was composed of a diverse group of stakeholders from the EUC, Resource Management Committee, low-income residential advocates, faith-based representatives, industrial and commercial customer representatives, with assistance and participation by the utility;

Whereas the current update addresses resource plan options through 2027;

Whereas the Electric Utility Commission Planning Working Group released their final report, "2016-17 Recommendations for Resource Planning Update" on June 9th, and the recommendations were endorsed by a majority of the members,

Resolved, The Resource Management Commission hereby recommends:

1. That the Austin City Council should formally adopt the recommendations endorsed by a majority of the Working Group members as part of the Update to the December 2014 Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2025
2. That Austin Energy should incorporate these changes into and update to create the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2027;
3. That in addition to the goals and recommendations endorsed by the Working Group, including a study on the potential to reach 80 percent renewable energy by 2027, Austin Energy should also be directed to study

the potential to meet the policy of reducing carbon dioxide from all city controlled generation resources to zero by 2030, and report back to City Council, the RMC and the EUC by the end of 2019 on the potential benefits and costs of reaching this goal.

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