

Questions for Debbie Kimberley/Austin Energy on proposed budget

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- A. Please show the RMC how the following goals recently recommended by the EUC, RMC and EUC Working Group are met by this proposed budget:**
1. At least 15 percent of the total DSM budget will be allocated to low-income weatherization, small business and other hard-to reach programs. Please provide total DSM budget and the total amount proposed for each of the programs that are considered “hard-to-reach.”
 2. Please show how the total DSM budget meets the goal of having at least 2.5% of revenues be spent on DSM.
 3. Please show how the proposed budget will meet not only the MW peak demand reductions, but an overall one percent savings goal.
- B. For the multi-family program budget, what part of that budget is expected to be spent on properties that are considered to house low-income residences?**
- C. The EUC Resource Planning Working Group recommended an enhanced solar program for multi-family housing. For the solar budget, what part of that \$7.5 million budget would be geared toward an enhanced multi-family program?**
- D. In general terms, the proposed budget appears to spend about \$500,000 less on weatherization and \$650,000 less on multi-family rebates, while increasing the load coop budget by some \$800,000. Please explain the wisdom of this budget shift, which removes incentives to directly help residential and multi-family residences in favor of larger load shifting projects.**
- E. Please explain why there has been no uptick or proposed budget increase on thermal storage incentives? Is this due to the storage tariff approved in the rate case, or are there simply no commercial customers anticipated to take advantage of thermal storage incentives?**